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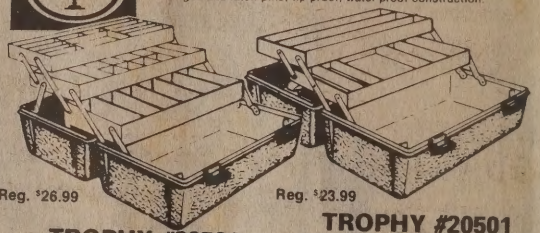

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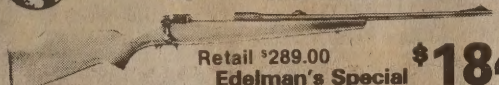

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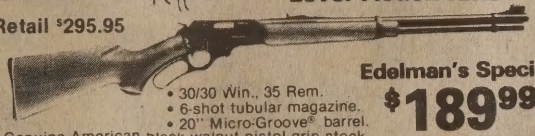

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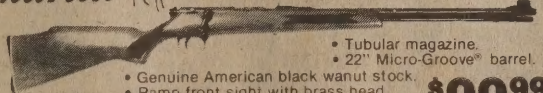

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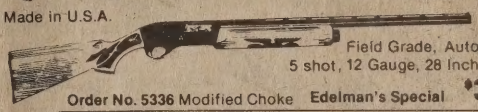

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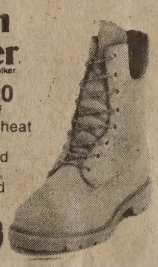

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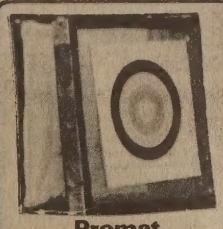

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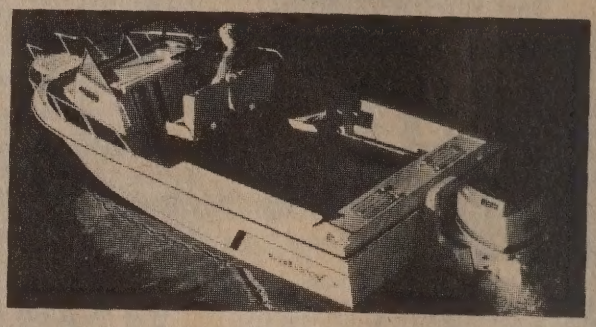

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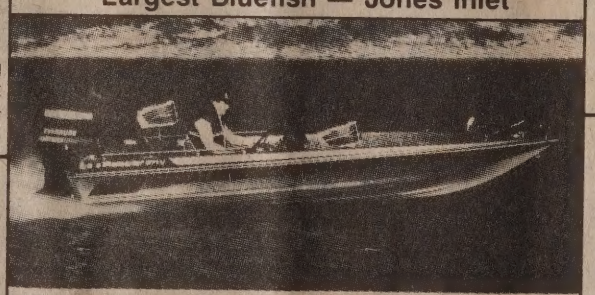

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ABOUT THE COVER:

This has certainly been a season of extraordinary fish, particularly for those who roam the blue water. For the second consecutive week, a 1000 plus pound fish is featured on the cover. The mammoth 1087 pound tiger shark was taken aboard the private boat "Our Way" on July. 23 and officially weighed at Montauk Marine Basin. The angler and crew responsible for landing the beast, included (left to right) Ken Rafferty, Andy Martorano, Steve Gorrono, Steve Marotta, Frank Prisco and Ricky Yonkers. If recognized, the catch will displace the existing New York state record, a 1047 pounder taken by Bob Jessen in 1983.

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EDITORIAL

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William A. Muller

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I urge you to sign Legislative Bill 21028 into law today (also known as A 4168, S 3220 "The Parklands Bill"). The parks, supported by the taxes of people like myself should be, plain and simple, for recreational use. I understand this bill affects less than one percent of the access commercial fishermen now have privilege to.

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MAJOR CHANGES RECOMMENDED IN U.S. FISH MANAGEMENT

A blue ribbon panel of experts representing a broad cross section of America's fishing industry has recommended fundamental changes in the way U.S. fish resources are managed.

The recommendations were contained in a study commissioned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The study is part of an overall assessment of the fishery management system created by the 10-year-old Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Public and industry comment on the report are being sought.

"We want this to be an open process," said NOAA Administrator Anthony J. Calio. "This study will be part of our discussions with Congress on improving the system. Public industry comments are vital if we are to manage these resources effectively." The panel recommends separating conservation and allocation decisions, with resource-protecting catch limits set before decisions are made on who the users will be. When the two processes are combined in one decision, "the pressures are always to ....serve the interests of more users," the study stated.

The study recommends that fish conservation quotas be set at the national level. The quotas would become the ceiling from which regional Fishery Management Councils would make their allocations.

Council allocations would form the basis of its regional fishery management plans. The allocations would be subject to review by the Secretary of Commerce.

The panel recommended that the current method of naming council members (nomination by governors) be replaced by a system of open nomination by any interested group or individual within a council's geographic area. A nine member review board would determine nominees' qualifications and certify to the Secretary of Commerce the three best qualified for each vacancy.

The study recommends eliminating the Western Pacific and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, and urges the goverment to define clearly relative federal, state, tribal and local responsibilities for managing fisheries with overlapping jurisdictions.

Other recommendations included:

- Eliminating barriers to full domestic use of the nation's fish resources and supporting full development of the domestic industry's capacity to catch, process and market fish taken from the 200 mile conservation zone.
- Removing legal barriers to limited entry, which is designed to balance fishing and the availability of the fish.
- Establishing a fishing license and fees for all users and the funds used to improve fishery management.
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Copies of the report, "NOAA Fishery Management Study," are available free, from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington, D.C. 20235. Comments can be mailed to the same address.

INLAND FISHES OF NEW YORK STATE NOW AVAILABLE

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams has announced publication of the book, "The Inland Fishes of New York State," by C. Lavett Smith.

"This publication has been in production for over 10 years and represents a definitive work on the inland fishes of New York State," Williams said. "It will be useful to fishery scientists, aquatic biologists, environmentalists, teachers, planners, anglers and people who simply enjoy learning more about the world around them," said Williams.

"The Inland Fishes of New York State," is a comprehensive look at New York's fishes and contains detailed descriptions of identification, distribution, ecology and life history of 242 freshwater, diadromous, estuarine and marine fishes found in the state. Each of the species accounts includes a state distribution map and record of current and past scientific names. Nearly all the species accounts contain additional information on habitat, life history, feeding habits and any notes of interest. The book has hundreds of drawings which highlight anatomical features plus eight full-color pages of some of New York's more colorful and rare fishes.

New York's 'Return a Gift to Wildlife' program paid for printing and design of the book. "The Inland Fishes of New York State represents current knowledge of fish distribution in New York, much of which was learned from the Biological Survey of New York waters conducted 1926-1939. Numerous references to the work and the workers of the original biological survey are included.

Author C. Lavett Smith and DEC staff will hold a reception at 10:30AM Wednesday, July 23rd, on the Main Concourse at the South Mall in Albany to discuss the book. The author will sign copies of the book at the reception.

"The Inland Fishes of New York State" sells for an introductory price of $29.95, including shipping and handling. It is available by writing a personal check or money order to

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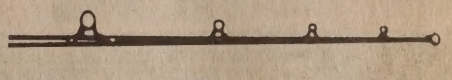

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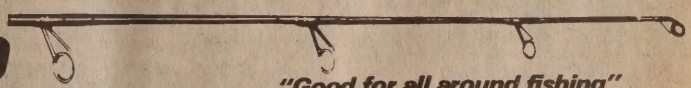

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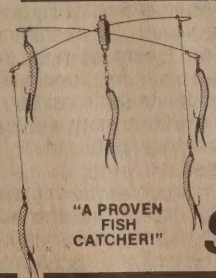

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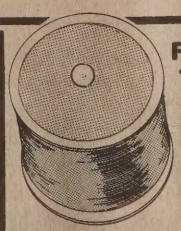

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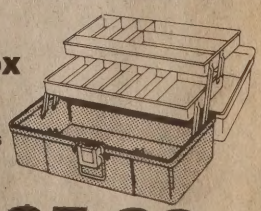

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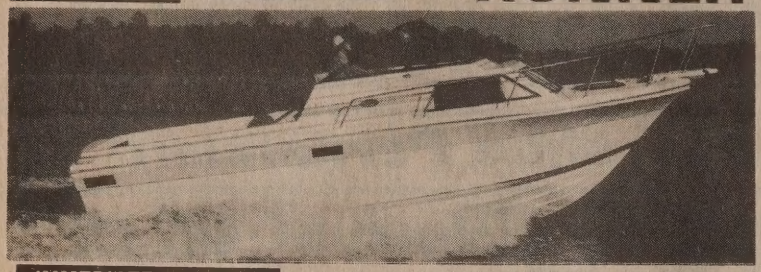

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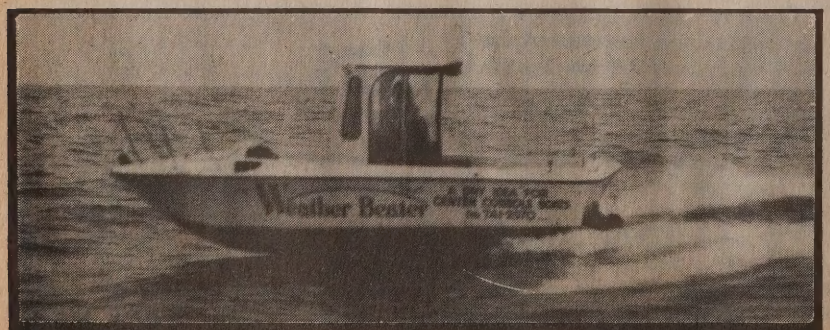

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If this kind of club appeals to you, please call Peter, 679-9021 or Rich, 799-3768.

NEW FISHING AND HUNTING GUIDE DEBUTS

The Sportsmen's Challenge, a new annual fishing and hunting directory will be introduced this fall.

Designed as an informative guide to the best places to fish and hunt in the United States, Canada and other international locations, the directory will feature listings of outfitters and charter captains, broken into states and regions. Also included will be where to go, and how-to articles.

Publisher Beverly C. Edwards has commented that this directory will "fill a void in the marketplace for both primary and associated businesses involved with fishing and hunting."

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"To date, we've had excellent response and enthusiasm from firms placing orders to either list their services and/or advertise in our directory; and we feel this is a testimony to the future success of this publication," Ms. Edwards added.

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Those companies who wish to place a listing or an advertisement, or would like more information, call toll free: 1-800-323-2060. In Pennsylvania and Canada, call: (717) 775-7990. Or

write: The Sportsmen's Challenge, P.O. Box 1171, Milford, PA 18337.

SWORDFISH PLAN: ONE STEP AT A TIME

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has concluded its second review of the Atlantic Swordfish Plan and has approved certain measures it had previously rejected while continuing to deny others. The Plan was resubmitted earlier this year by the five Councils responsible for drafting measures to rebuilt the severely overfished stocks of broadbill. Among the measures approved by NMFS is a prohibition on nighttime longlining by foreign vessels fishing in the U.S. zone during the seasonal closures. Disapproved was the cap on foreign longline by-catch and the ban on drift entanglement nets.

Approval of the ban on nighttime longlining is a significant victory for the Councils. The State Department has evidently relented somewhat on its steadfast opposition to any regulation of foreign tuna fishing. The Councils may now, for the first time, require foreign longliners to adhere to the same restriction imposed on American fishermen in a fishery management plan. Since swordfish are hooked predominately at night, limiting all tuna longlining to daylight hours during the swordfish closures will reduce the incidental catch.

The State Department did not, however, yield to limits on the total number of swordfish caught incidentally by foreign longliners. This measure, along with the drift net prohibition, is extremely critical, not just in terms of swordfish conservation, but in setting important national precedent for fisheries management. A Council source told the *Marine Bulletin* that these two measures, along with the others rejected by NMFS (ban on imports during closures, mandatory observers), will be resubmitted "until they are approved."

As long as the Councils are unable to restrict the longline by-catch, foreign fishermen operating in U.S. waters will have license to employ indiscriminate and wasteful fishing geaer and kill non-target fish—in this instance, swordfish, billfish, shark, etc.—either of direct value to U.S. fishermen or the object of a U.S. conservation effort. Accommodation to foreign fishing interests cannot be allowed to take precedence over the Councils' mandate to manage and conserve fishery resources off our shores.

Permitting the use of drift entanglement nets, in this case by domestic fisherman, impedes rational fisheries management in a different manner. Drift nets were allowed to enter the swordfish fishery for the first time in 1983, despite the fact that the fishery was already crowded with longline gear and the resource was being rapidly depleted. The kind of thinking that allows the introduction of new and highly efficient methods of fishing into an overcrowded and over-

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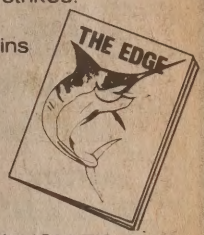

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exploited fishery must be changed once and for all. One of the most important contributions the Councils could make would be to remove this gear from the swordfish fishery and establish precedent. The burden of proof should be placed squarely on the users of non-traditional gear to demonstrate that it will not harm the resource or displace other users, not on the managers to prove that it will.

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NEW FISH HANDLING GUIDE AVAILABLE

Fish handling is an important part of a successful fishing experience which is often misunderstood or neglected by many anglers. Successful anglers need to be prepared to handle the fish that they catch while they are fishing and when they get home. New York Sea Grant Specialist, Ken Gall, has developed a guide for saltwater anglers and anyone who uses fresh fish, to help them handle, process and store their fish properly.

Fish can be a highly perishable food! Proper handling and storage is important to preserve fish quality, and ensure that your "fresh catch of the day" won't be a disappointment at the dinner table. In order to develop good handling practices, it's important to know something about the fish you catch, how quality can deteriorate, and what anglers can do to slow down the rate of quality deterioration.

The new New York Sea Grant-Cornell Cooperative Extension bulletin entitled, **Handling Your Catch: A Guide for Saltwater Anglers**, will be a useful reference for anyone who enjoys saltwater fishing or buys fresh fish to prepare at home. It explains the basics of fish biology, composition and changes that occur in fish after they die. Handling suggestions that can be used to preserve fish quality such as the proper use of ice, chilled sea water, bleeding and gutting fish, transporting, dressing and storing your catch, found in this guide will be useful to all anglers and those who eat fish.

In addition to basic fish handling, the bulletin covers handling techniques that can be used for common saltwater fish including cod, fluke, flounder, bluefish, sea bass, blackfish, weakfish, mackerel and tuna. It shows how to fillet flatfish and roundfish, loin a tuna, dress skates and rays, dogfish, eels and blowfish with photographs and easy to follow instructions. Storage suggestions, edibility profiles and common preparation methods are also organized in tables to help anglers and anyone else who uses fresh fish to ensure that high quality fish will eventually reach the dinner table.

This 49 page information bulletin is available from the New York Sea Grant Extension Office in Plainview on Long Island. To order it print "Handling Your Catch," with your name, complete mailing address and telephone number on a card, along with a check for $6.75 per copy (includes postage and handling) made payable to: CORNELL UNIVERSITY and send it to: New York Sea Grant Extension Program, 1425 Old Country Road, Building J, Plainview, NY 11803.

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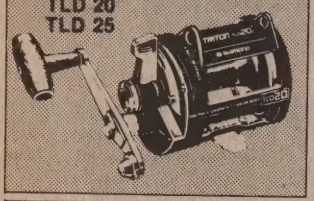

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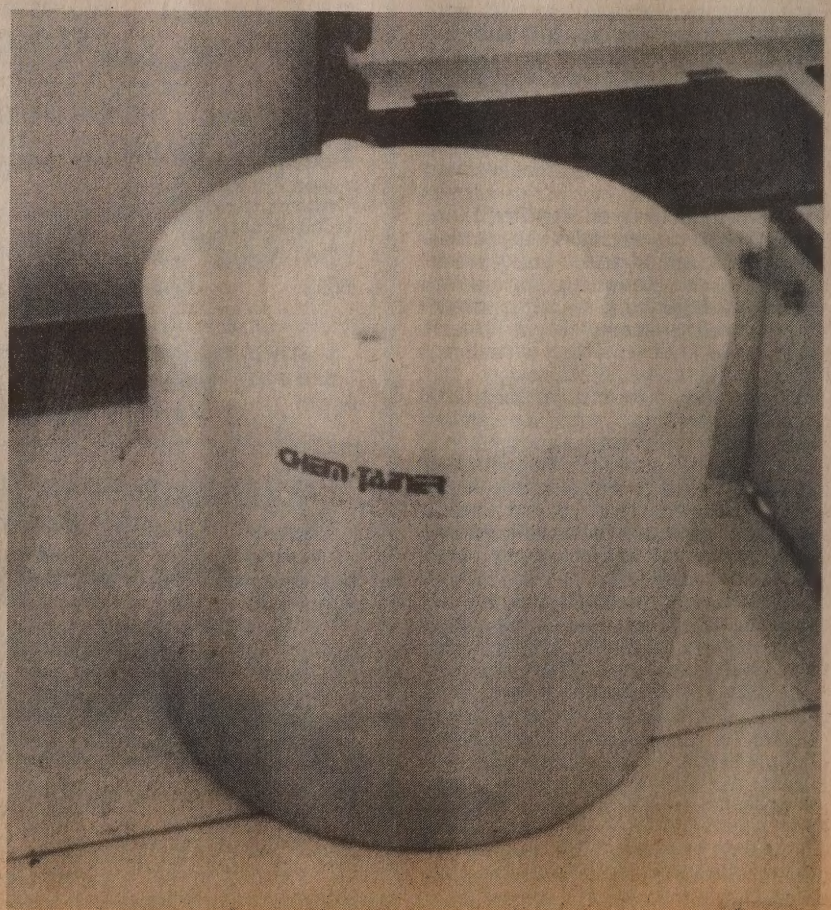
UNIVERSAL LIVE WELLS

by John Raguso

With the advent of more and more northeastern anglers adopting live bait fishing techniques as an effective weapon in their arsenal of skills, a need has developed for a sturdy, compact, durable and portable live well that can keep a fisherman's supply of bait fresh and lively. When you consider that many of today's boats don't provide the simple capability of a functional, circular live well, this product's utility is even further dramatized. Universal Live Wells satisfy this consumer demand with a line-up of seven different models ranging from a diminutive 20 gallons all the way up to a 100 gallon behemoth.

These one-piece, molded, heavy wall construction baitwells are manufactured in Florida by Chem-Tainer Industries. They feature a maintenance free UV stabilized polyethelene construction that is a full quarter inch thick. All seven models come with a recessed plastic lid that blocks out harmful direct sunlight to your bait and keeps the well water where it does the most good; namely, inside the container. These tops can also double as a cutting board if you have got to perform some minor surgery on your bait.

The baitwells, manufactured by Chem-Tainer, are either circular or oblong—a very critical feature. I have seen baby bunker and snappers swim into the corners of the more conventional square wells and literally drop



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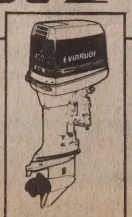

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dead from a lack of life-sustaining oxygen, since the well water was not passing fast enough through their gills due to their lack of swimming motion. A second problem of this older squared design is that the bait tends to congregate into the corner farthest away from the lid opening, thereby complicating the process of catching then when you are ready to rig up for bigger game. With the Universal Live Wells, there are no corners to hide in, thus enabling the bait to swim in a constant circular pattern, staying lively in the process. The lid openings are located dead center on the top of the wells, so catching your quarry in preparation for rigging is no problem since you have equal access to any part of the internal well.

Prices for these containers range from about $45 to $125, depending on size. All models can have a set of plastic side handles installed for an additional $12. Further enhancements included factory installation of either a live well oxygenator system which recirculates the container's original water supply ($39.95), or a live well renewal system which constantly exchanges the oxygen depleted water for fresh sea water ($49.95). The heart of each system is a Rule 450 GPH pump, which will operate on any 12 volt electrical system.

The manufacturer has included a toll free telephone number in case potential buyers have any product specific questions, and they can be reached at 800-645-5607. These bait wells are available factory direct through the Chem-Tainer folks in North Babylon, Long Island; through the Bunker Caddy Company of Central Islip, Long Island; or through various regional discount marine catalogs and local tackle shops.

Let's learn a lesson from our Southern California and Florida coast brethren who have pioneered live bait fishing methods for billfish and tuna and add this technique to your inventory of skills. Remember, there is nothing like the "real thing" and all the lures and plugs that we often employ, merely try to imitate natural forage.

Whether it be live bunker for bass or blues, live snappers for weakfish or fluke, live bay blues for sharks, or frisky tinker mackerel or anchovies for the offshore pelagics, the Universal Live Wells provide a portable and affordable way to get in on this exciting fishery!

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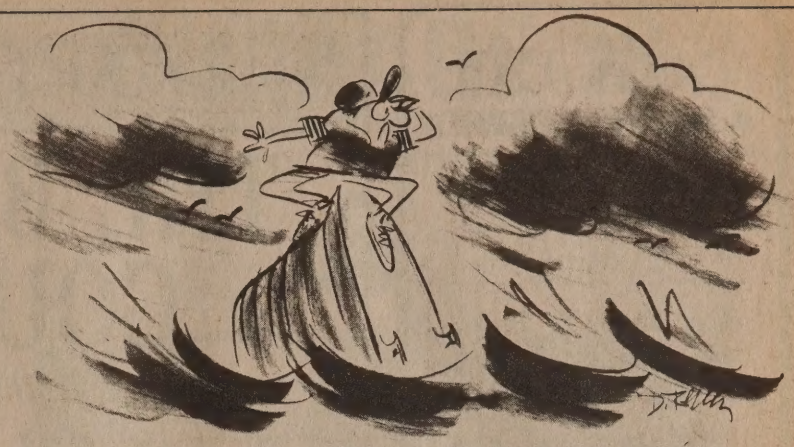
oblong	30 gallon	16"x33"x16"

circular = diameter x depth
oblong = width x length x height



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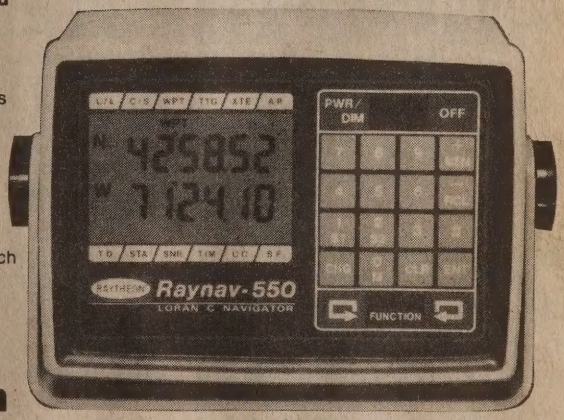

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

THE BLUEFISH GOURMET

reprinted from Fishing for Bluefish

Visit any coastal seafood restaurant in the summer season and it is nearly a sure bet that fresh bluefish will be on the menu as the daily "Special" or at the head of the "Fresh Fish of the Day" selection.

There's a good reason for this popularity. When served as fresh as possible, bluefish has a fine textured meat and excellent taste. It serves well when prepared with simple broiled recipes or with exotic gourmet recipes with sauces, flavorings and garnishes.

To preserve the good taste and quality of the meat, it is imperative that bluefish be iced down immediately after being caught. There are some anglers who do not think highly of bluefish as a fine seafood and yet this opinion is probably due to lack of careful handling of the catch rather than the quality of the fish itself. Bluefish, despite all their ferociousness, have a delicate meat that spoils quickly. The flavor of bluefish lies between the strong tunas and the more mild flounder.

I always place my catch in a large cooler with a block of ice or with a layer of cubed or shaved ice. This chills the fish immediately and preserves the meat. Some anglers will gut their catch as soon as possible by using time in-between catches to further protect the quality of the meat.

The smaller bluefish of 2 to 5 pounds are the choicest to eat. The flesh has a mild flavor and the size of the fillets is perfect for the fry pan, broiling pan or grill. Larger fish have a stronger fish flavor, but again, proper chilling will assure good eating.

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Broiled Bluefish

This is the simplest method of cooking bluefish, yet one of the tastiest. Use garnishes such as lemon or lime, paprika, seasoning salts or onions to add a slight flavoring.

Place fillets in a greased broiling pan, sprinkle with your favorite seasoning: onion flakes, parsley, salt, pepper, etc.

Place a strip of bacon, onion slice, lemon or lime slice across the top of each fillet.

Pre-heat the broiler, cook for 10 minutes or until the meat is pure white. Do NOT overcook.

Serve with potatoes, vegetable and salad for a seafood version of "meat and potatoes." This is the basic bluefish recipe.

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Oriental Bluefish

A delightful way to serve bluefish if you like the unique flavor of Oriental cooking.

Place fillets in a shallow dish or pan and sprinkle liberally with soy sauce. Let stand for 20 minutes.

Heat a fry pan to medium heat prepared with sesame oil.

Place fillets in fry pan, cook for 5 minutes, then turn once and cook another 5 minutes. Sprinkle with more soy sauce if desired.

Serve with stir fry vegetables, rice or oriental noodles. Sweet and sour sauce can be added, or sharp Oriental mustard. It is important to only turn the fillets ONCE to avoid having fish flake apart before being served.

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Hawaiian Bluefish

This easy recipe adds the flavor of the South Seas to the basic broiling method of cooking bluefish.

Marinate the bluefish fillets in 1/2 cup of pineapple juice for 30 minutes.

Place fillets in a greased broiling dish and add half the pineapple juice. Garnish with slices or chunks of pineapple.

Broil for 5 minutes, pour the remainder of the juice over the fillets, then broil for 10 more minutes.

Serve with white wine, baked cheese potato and glazed carrots for an exceptionally good dinner.

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Grilled Bluefish

If barbecued bluefish is not your choice, but you still want to cook blues on the grill for that smokey charcoal flavor, then this handy recipe will do the trick.

Place fillets on a large sheet of aluminum foil and season to taste.

Add a lemon slice, seasoning salts or onion.

Wrap the fillets in the foil, then poke small holes in the foil with a fork. These small holes let the charcoal flavor in.

Cook for 15 minutes on an open grill.

This is a very tasty dish served with a tall wine cooler and lots of salads.

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Baked Bluefish

Similar to broiled bluefish, but baking keeps the fish moist and is ideal for adding sauces or gravies to the recipe. You can bake in the traditional oven or use a microwave.

Place fillets in a greased baking dish, lightly salt and season to your taste.

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees and cook for 10 minutes.

Remove from oven, add sauce such as Italian red gravy, Bearnaise or Hollandaise sauce.

Return to oven, cook for 5 more minutes.

Serves well with rice, buttered noodles, pasta and green vegetable. Have some extra sauce, hot and ready in a small gravy bowl.

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Barbecued Bluefish

This is a neat recipe for those who like the flavor of barbecue sauce and it is a great way to serve bluefish in the summer for a cookout.

Place the fillets in a long handled "hot dog" style grill. Brush with barbecue sauce, Italian salad dressing or other sauce coating.

Cook for 15 minutes turning every 2 to 3 minutes and brushing on sauce to suit your taste.

Carefully open the grill and remove bluefish fillets with a spatula so fish doesn't flake apart.

Serve with chilled beer, French fries, baked potato or potato salad and a garden salad of tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

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Bluefish in Wine Sauce

A long-time favorite recipe with restaurants, this is always a well-liked dish.

Arrange the fillets in a greased baking dish, brush with butter, sprinkle with paprika.

Slowly heat a wine sauce made from 1 cup of cooking sherry, a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce, chopped parsley, 1/4 cup of dry sherry.

Pour the sauce over the fillets and bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes. Spoon the wine sauce over the fillets every 5 minutes.

Serve on a heated plate, garnish with sprig of parsley and slice of lemon. This recipe goes very well with scalloped potatoes, asparagus tips and an artichoke salad.

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

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Dear Ken,

Thanks for the info. We tried to locate a big creel for Mr. Liebson and could not find anything listed in any of the mail order catalogs or through any of our regular information sources, so your help is appreciated.

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Dear Doc,

I am putting together an outfit for fishing off the surf and from the jetties wherever I can gain access to the beaches. What I need to know is, can you recommend a specific rod and reel for this type of fishing. And, will one outfit cover all my needs?

Alan Jenkins.

Dear Alan,

There is no way you can cover all bases with just one outfit. Fishing from the jetties requires an entirely different approach than you'll find when fishing the surf. You can get by with a rod measuring 8 to 9 feet and a mid size spinning or casting reel for most jetty work. Pick up something that has enough backbone to wrestle large bass or blues from the churning waves that are usually found around the rock piles. We've always been partial to the shorter 8 foot rods since they do not tire us as quickly as do the longer, and consequently heavier rods. Line tests will vary, but for general purposes, you should be able to get by with 17 or 20 lb. test.

When casting from the surf you will often need to "reach out" to fish that are feeding past the breaking waves. The 8 or 9 foot rods are a tad too short for this purpose and many experienced surf casters go with a 10 or 11 foot rod. Again, get something that can handle 5 or 6 ounces comfortably. You'll need this power to cast heavy metals or sinkers and natural bait. You might also pick a slightly larger capacity spinning or conventional reel when fishing from the surf. The larger spool diameter will give additional

Eight to nine foot rods are more appropriate for jetty work, while working the open beach often calls for rods in the ten to eleven foot range. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

distance due to the line flowing off the spool in larger loops.

This doesn't mean you can't accomplish all tasks with one outfit. We've used the 9 foot jetty rod for multiple purposes and although it is not the best solution, it does get the job done. I'd say if you have the funds pick out two different outfits and carry both in your car or truck. When the situation demands a shorter rod you are in a position to cash in on the action and when conditions dictate the longer outfit you can make a quick change and take advantage of whatever comes along.

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Dear Doc,

Could you please tell me how I can contact the Hurricane U.S.A. Company? They produce a fine assortment of rods, but none of the tackle shops in our area handle their rods.

John Varricchio.

Dear John,

You are right on target when stating that the Hurricane rods are good products. Unfortunately, Hurricane is no longer marketing their products on a national level.

We have several of the graphite trolling rods (30 and 50 lb. class) and have used them extensively over the past three years, with no sign of wear or cracking of the finish.

Hurricane Fishing Tackle is owned by Southern Tackle Company and the address I have for the company is: Hurricane Fishing Tackle, 5800 Miami Lakes Drive East, Miami Lakes, FL 33014. You might write directly to the company requesting information on how to obtain their products.

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Dear Doc,

What do the ratings on IGFA trolling rods mean. Also, are monofilament cast nets legal in Maryland and if not, where can I get one that is legal.

Carl Schaller.

Dear Carl,

The IGFA rating system used to determine rod class means what line is rated to match a particular rod. Say you select a 30 pound class rod and want to be within the limits determined by IGFA. You would rig the reel (a 3/0 or 4/0) with 30 pound class line. When using 50 pound class tackle you would use a 6/0 reel or one of the lever drag types that is classed as a 50 pound class reel and spool it with 50 pound test monofilament or dacron line.

Nylon nets are taboo in Maryland for any purpose. You'll need a regular net which has material other than nylon for crabbing or when cast netting for baitfish. These are available through many local bait and tackle shops in that area.

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QUALITY FISH HIGHLIGHT MORICHES FLUKE DERBY

by William A. Muller

Usually the ten biggest fish in The Fisherman inshore fishing derby series run the gamut from very good to small, simply because we recognize so many winning fish. The fluke derby held on July 26 and 27, 1986 on Moriches Bay produced nice fish across the board. It took a fluke of 3 lbs. 5 oz. to qualify for a prize and a number of slightly smaller fish in the three pound class just missed. Twenty years ago we might not have considered such fish large as fluke went, but in today's world where large draggers rake over fluke migrating inshore in narrow swimways, it's surprising that any fluke get through at all—let alone doormats. If you want to know where all the big fluke went, take a hard look at those draggers that relentlessly scour the bottom outside our inlets. It is my considered opinion as a marine scientist that fluke are reproducing so well know that if it weren't for those draggers we'd be having the greatest fluke fishing in history, and fish into the teens would not be uncommon.

Nonetheless, we have to take what we have and make the best of it as long as recreational fishermen continue to be apathetic and allow politicians and commercial interests to take bread out of our mouths and slowly but surely kill our sport.

On the plus side, participants in the derby had a good time. In fact, a laid-back and non-aggressive enjoyment of all the inshore derbies has become a trademark of the events. In fact, that was precisely one of our goals. We didn't want combativeness, rather we designed for fun competitions and a good time.

As you know, this year we have a 30 by 40 foot tent for each awards ceremony and this time we needed it. This, you'll remember, was the week-

Young and old enjoyed the awards ceremony afterwards.

"Doc" Muller, left, first place winner Carol Bruggemann, and Gary Grunseich and family, owner of Silly Lily Fishing Station from where Carol caught her winning fish.

Many quality door prizes were raffled off, including this fine Daiwa rod.

end when the heavens finally opened up in an otherwise drought-marked summer. Under the tent we stayed dry and cozy.

A reminder that the $5 fee per entry collected goes into The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund. The first funded activity by the Fund was an assist to LIBBA, the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fishing Advisory Board in the construction of a small parking access area for four-wheel drive vehicles at Gilgo State Park. Work is now in progress on three fish cleaning stations at the State Parks that will be funded by the F.S.F.

Reefs are a high priority for many inshore fishermen because they attract lots of marine life including many species of important game fish. Discussions have begun concerning the construction of some artificial reefs in Long Island waters and you'll be hearing more about this soon.

It's a nice cycle in which fishermen pay their fees, have a great time and some win big prizes. Then the fees go into projects that put more fish in our waters.

Thanks to all of the 395 contestants for participating. A special thanks to Dolores and Nick Castoro for their help in organizing and implementing the derbies. Thanks to all the members of the Moriches Bay Marine Association that includes boat liveries, tackle shops and the party boat Alma. By being involved in this project they are demonstrating a commitment to make local inshore fishing better for all of us.

Let's not forget the corporate contributors that provide refreshments and prizes. Please remember these fine folks when you put down your hard-earned cash for fishing tackle, supplies, and other goodies. Stren and Prime Fishing lines, Genesee Brewing Company, makers of beer, light beer and cream ale. How about Daiwa Tackle, Shakespeare Tackle, Super-Lube and G-96, makers of all those fine support equipment items such as knives and pliers. Don't forget Striker Fishing Tackle for their support. Penn Reels are also corporate contributors and no one has to tell you about how popular their reels are. In addition, let's thank a few local supporters such as All-Tackle Distributors of Deer Park and Northvile Industries. Both of these supporters provided many quality raffle prizes. Thanks to all those who made this yet another successful derby and congratulations to all of the winners!

MORICHES FLUKE DERBY WINNERS

	Angler	Size
1.	Carol Bruggemann	4 lb. 6 oz.
2.	Mike Merto	4 lb. 5 oz.
3.	Ed Meyer	3 lb. 13 oz.
4.	Tom Defranco	3 lb. 11 oz.
5.	Alan Flexer	3 lb. 8 oz.
6.	Tony Aguts	3 lb. 7 oz.
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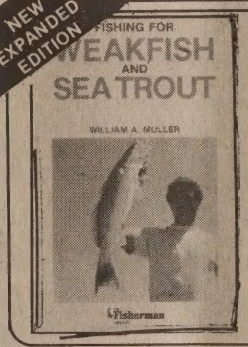

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MASTER FLUKE TIPS

by Matt Ahern

Our resident sinker bouncer shares a lifetime of fluke fishing savvy.

Three nice fluke and two beautiful weakfish lay in the bucket. "See," I said to Al Dunn. "I told you fishing that shallow water would do the trick. It goes back a long way, this shallow water fishing. I don't recall who put me wise...Artie Leidecker, maybe, or Nick Hauck. I'm not sure."

With that, Al cranked the outboard to life and we headed back to the fishing station. "Well," he said, "it doesn't much matter. It's a neat trick."

It was. And it is. But for awhile there, it was catch-as-catch-can.

Al and I had spent several hours drifting for fluke in Shinnecock Inlet's East Channel that particular mid-August morning, and we hadn't raised a fish—not even a sea robin. (Throwbacks, not included.) This was one trip that carried the threat of becoming a real bummer. Our neighboring skiff fishermen had recognized the handwriting on the wall and, one by one, they had gone off to seek greener pastures, leaving us to our chosen fate.

And to add insult to injury, it was as hot and as uncomfortable as a mid-August morning can be.

"Let's get out of here," Al complained as he mopped his sweaty brown with the back of a forearm. "It's so blamed hot, I can't breathe. The closer we drift to shore, the hotter it gets. Phew! We'd be better off casting from the beach—at least we'd get some breeze."

And with those words, I heard the chime of a distant bell that came from the far reaches of a long-forgotten corridor of my mind. Faint it was, but still audible. I became alert in an instant. If we fellows want to come home with fish on those difficult days, we had better hear that bell when it sounds. There's no second time around.

"You called it, Al," I said. I held up a hand to stymie the expected flow of questions. "I'll tell you later, but for now take us in about 50 feet from shore and I'll get the anchor over. You know, I'll bet we never even came close to those fish."

"Now," I said, "you earned first crack. Use one of those small killies and cast it almost on the beach; then reel it back—slowly. Don't jig...just a nice, quiet retrieve."

Before I could select my own killie, Al hooked into a monstrous sea robin—practically on the beach, in maybe two feet of water. Then close to the same spot, I nailed a throwback fluke on my first cast. But that was all the action we had. Close, I told Al, but no cigar. We tried several minutes longer and then I payed out the anchor line and let the current carry the skiff about 25 feet, and snubbed it short.

This time it was a little better. My second cast produced our first keeper fluke—about 17 inches. And this fish, so help me, could not have been in water over one foot in depth. And then, wonder of wonders, Al hooked into a good sized bluefish which shocked us with its viciousness. But after a runoff of nearly 100 feet, it leaped from the water, twirling and twisting, end over end, only to crash against the line on its second leap, breaking free.

After we calmed down, Al hooked the first of our two weakfish. But that was it.

Another dropback on the anchor and Al nailed one more fluke—a keeper; again in extremely shallow water. I recall one of my killies overshooting the target and landing smack on the beach, whereupon it was seized the instant it entered the water by our second and final weakfish.

Without a doubt, all of our fish were feeding in extremely shallow water. And more important than this, they were feeding on small killies—and small killies only. Nothing else would tempt those finicky fish; and we had tried various baits and combinations until we were blue in the face; the action came only with small killies. We finished the day with the three fluke and two weakfish mentioned earlier.

Okay; I'll admit it took us two hours or better to catch those five fish, but if that bell hadn't sounded, I'm sure we would have gotten no action at all. So, next time you're fluke fishing inshore waters and not doing as well as expected, try approaching the shore line as we did, casting your bait into that shallow water and slowly working it to you.

Over the years it has seemed to me that the exclusive use of small killies has been the answer to many fluke fishermen's problems. I can easily recall slow fluke-fishing days during the times of plenty—say 55 years ago. (Contrary to what you may have been told, we did have our share of slow days.) A slow day 'way back then would be considered as such when a guy caught fewer than six fluke. There weren't many trips of this caliber, to be sure (my poorest day produced four fish.) But we had them, as I say. And it was then when sinker bouncers had to try something to get those fish feeding again.

This wasn't as difficult as it may seem, for our mental attitude toward fluke fishing was different than it is today. During those long-ago times, we fellows never considered the possibility that the fish weren't there. We believed always that the fish were available, but that they were merely putting on their finicky act—just as they do today. In fact, when I suffer the pangs of poor fluke fishing trips these days, I never blame the fish—I blame me! There is something I should be doing that I'm not. Being brought up in the old school of fishing, I shall believe this until my last breath. I've seen it proven too many times, not to think otherwise. Should you doubt this, check your local old-timer. Listen and take heart. Become a convert.

I readily recall my first experience with this lack of fish in the midst of plenty, although the incident happened years and years ago—about 1929 or 1930 when I was a 15 or 16-year-old tad. Ah, me! Fluke fishing was truly fluke fishing those days! This is not to brag. After all we fishermen of the time had nothing to do with the wealth of the fish then available. We just happened to be at the right place at the right time and can take no credit for it. But as mentioned before, all was not beer and skittles, for we did have our difficulties.

It doesn't take much to remember this fluke story from the past.

Artie and I (we've been buddies since 1920) had planned a Jamaica Bay fluke fishing trip in that area now spanned by the Marine Parkway Bridge. At that time, this particular region was a fluke fisherman's paradise. A fellow could do no wrong. If he failed to catch fluke in that area, he might just as well have taken up golf—or some other sane sport. It was that easy.

There was nothing to it. Place a killie-baited rig on bottom, jig once or twice and the chances were excellent you were going to come up with a fluke. No ifs, ands, or buts. The fish weren't large by any means, averaging a pound and a half. But for two fish-happy kids, they certainly were fun to catch. And if you were the chosen of the fishing gods on any

particular day, you might come up with a 5 or 6 pounder. (Incidentally, we never, never saw the shorts we see today.)

I remember we rented a rowboat (no outboards those days) from one of two fishing stations in Canarsie (50 cents, no deposit). Away we went with a day's supply of killies (a quart—ten cents), cheerfully knocking ourselves out at the oars in our haste to get to those fluke. If you are a dedicated fisherman, you are aware of the exquisite thrill of anticipation that was ours during that long haul to Barren Island. (There was a rowboat station in that vicinity, as I recall, but why we didn't take a boat from there, I don't know.) And that thrill of anticipation—there's nothing in the sport of fishing that can match that feeling.

But sad to say, the day seemed to have all the earmarks of one on which we should have "stood" in bed.

We hadn't drifted five feet before each of us hooked a fluke—but that was all the action we had. And we tried—oh, how we tried. We rowed our arms off, making drifts here and there, but with not another fish to show for our efforts.

I imagine this aggravation continued for the better part of an hour, until we noticed one of those old naptha launches drifting by, with each of the three fishermen aboard pulling one fluke after another. I felt like crying. What were they doing that we weren't? I suppose we never would have found out if those three fishermen hadn't taken pity on two sad-sack kids. They ran the launch alongside us and began with the questions. Upon being asked the time-honored "How ya doin'?" we immediately blurted our tale of woe.

The outcome was that those kind fishermen told us to anchor our rowboat securely and step aboard the launch with our tackle and bait and they'd show us what we were doing wrong.

And they did.

What we were doing wrong was simple enouch. We weren't using small killies. Those fishermen said they had discovered many, many years before that there were times when fluke can only be coaxed with small killies—and nothing else.

Of course, being hot-shot kids who thought we knew all there was to know about fishing, Artie and I didn't put much faith in what we were told—but the proof was there. The instant we put on a small killie (one inch, or so) and lowered the rig to the bottom, we caught a fluke. And there was no end to the fishing until just before the tide reached high-water slack and began to drop. Then it was right back to regular sized killies.

From then on, over the years, Artie and I never forgot (well—almost never) and we often experimented with small killies whenever we encountered slow fluke fishing days. Many times, those smaller baitfish saved the day. But there were (and still are) days when even small killies will not work—which means there is yet something we must learn. (This is not a cop out, but one of the fishing facts of life.)

Experience has shown us that tidal conditions have much to do with the success or failure of these experiments. We have found that over the years when fluke took only small killies on an incoming tide, they would continue to do so until that tide changed. Once it began to ebb, the fluke would revert to usual baits. The same applied when small killies worked on an outgoing tide. Once that tide changed, however, small killies no longer produced fluke exclusively.

Why this should be, I have no idea—not even an inkling. But I have found these tips accurate for over 55 years and I know they are quite likely to turn the tables the next time our flat friend puts on the finicky act.

It therefore behooves fluke fishermen to keep these tips in mind and to use them when opportunity presents itself. Use those small killies when conditions call for them. They work/ The key to successful fluke fishing (or any type of fishing, for that matter) can be found in one word. Experimentation. It has always been so. Those who experiment bring home the fish. Those who don't . . . ? Well, a word to the wise is certainly sufficient.

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES: THE ACARA

by John Raguso

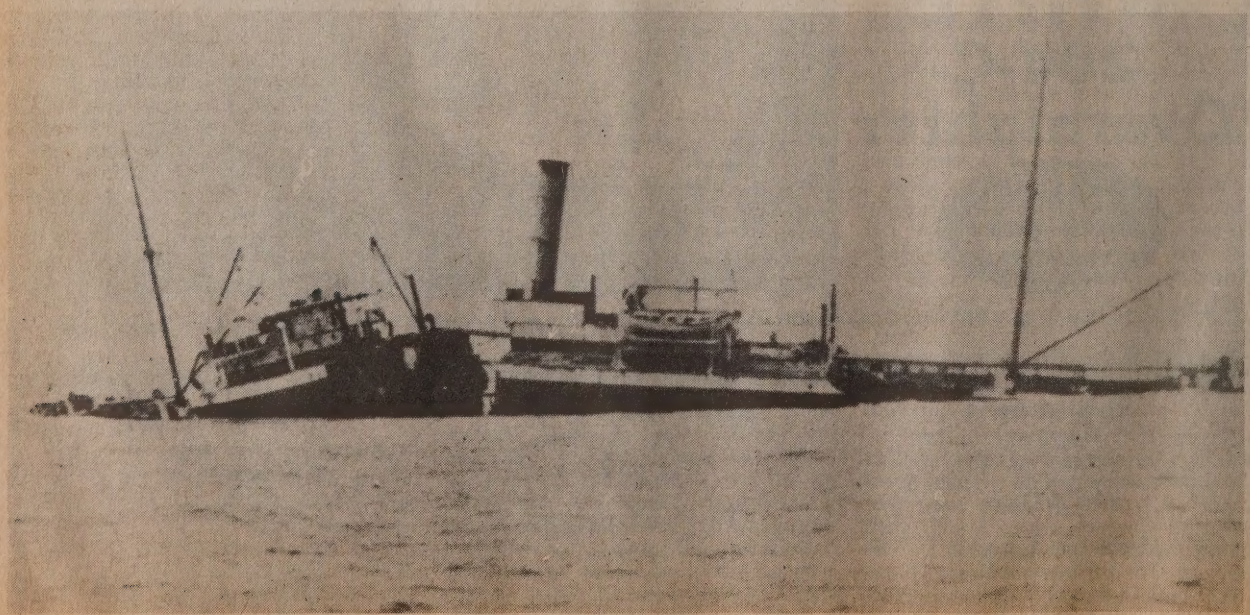
Since the inception of the Atlantic Wreck Series in The Fisherman, I've received much correspondence from both anglers and divers alike requesting that we spend more time concentrating on wrecks that are closer to the beach. Not every person is blessed with a 29 Topaz, a 31 Bertram, a 25 Mako, a 24 Grady or some of the other classic fishing craft that give the serious offshore enthusiast both the hull integrity and the fuel capacity to effectively fish the offshore wrecks. The general consensus was that it was wonderful to read about some of these essentially "unreachable" wrecks, but that a good number of readers would like to know more about those productive wrecks that were closer to home.

In response to your demands, the layout of the series this year has included such inshore favorites as the Drumelzier, just outside of Fire Island Inlet; The Persephone, situated slightly east of New Jersey's Barnegat Inlet; the Black Warrior, just to the south of the Rockaways; the Panther, a few miles ESE of Shinnecock Inlet; and of course, there was the piece on the six Long Island (ocean) artificial reefs.

Well, this week and next, we're going to cover two of the most popular, productive and accessible blackfish wrecks for those who hail out of either Jones, Debs, or Fire Island Inlets. If you're the type of reader who owns a modest craft that is forced to double as the weekend beach taxi, or someone who drives either a smaller hull, one that is short on fuel, or a vessel that is beginning to get on in years, these next two weeks are dedicated to you. Both wrecks are situated only a short skip from Jones Inlet, and are also fairly close to neighboring Debs and Fire Island based craft. In fact, you won't even need a Loran C unit to locate either of these two wrecks (although it would certainly be a big help), since each has a few unique features such as a swirling, whirlpool effect on the water as the current moves over the wreck, or even a piece of the ribs, bow or stern stem that might stick up out of the water at low tide or during a heavy groundswell.

This week's installment investigates the grounding of the British steamship Acara, back in the winter of 1902. Actually, the start of the Acara's last voyage began a few months before in the Orient. The British steamer had been to Singapore, Shanghai, Foochow and then to Hong Kong to load up a cargo of tea, cinnamon, pepper, gum, rubber, indigo dye and other spices. From there it was on to Mother England to complete the cargo with 14,800 tin ingots, and then to the United States to drop the merchandise off in New York. The Acara was destined to unload her cargo here, but not in the manner or location that was originally planned.

That fateful date in the steamer's log was March 1, 1902. The Eastern Seaboard was being pounded by a typical winter storm. A big sea was up, combined with a thick haze that severely reduced visibility. The captain of the Acara had taken a sounding and knew that he was in shallow water, but because of the shroud of mist, he wasn't quite sure where along the coast the big steamer was making way. Suddenly, without warning, the ship lurched to a loud scraping, groaning halt, as she plowed headlong into the outer sand bar that protected Jones Inlet. Realizing that his vessel was in the grips of an unforgiving sand bar, the captain gave the orders for full astern in the hopes of somehow miraculously escaping this unfortunate mishap with only a few minor scratches. The ship's screw churned with all the horsepower that she could muster, but it was to no avail...it was not meant to be. There was a brief moment of hope as the Acara pulled



The Acara lies broken in two after running aground outside Jones Inlet. ***Photo courtesy of Suffolk Marine Museum and Frank Cerbini.***

back a bit in her feeble attempt to loosen the sand's ever-tightening grasp. However, this progress came to a quick halt, as the steamship was soundly hung-up amidships on the sand bar that was destined to be her final resting place. The ship's steel plates moaned as the captains continued to apply full reverse power, but the strain of the incessant pounding surf was beginning to shake the ship loose. All pressure was concentrated on the vessel's midpoint in a manner which was not designed, as the sand bar grabbed her hull at the center, letting the fore and aft sections of the ship hang unsupported. The end result was predictable, as it would only be a matter of time before the Acara would break in two, letting the waters of the icy Atlantic into the bowels of the ship and sealing her fate. The captain, realizing that the end had come, ordered the crew to abandon ship, but this was no easy task. It was not exactly a calm day at the beach as the crew contemplated the enviable task of launching their lifeboats into the teeth of a raging, vicious surf that would take no prisoners should a mistake be made in the process. Fortunately, the plight of the British steamship had not gone unnoticed. The local lifesaving crews at both Zachs Inlet and Short Beach Inlet had been alerted that the Acara was in distress and they were ready to brave the stormy seas to do their duty, if need be.

The crew of the Acara finally launched two lifeboats from the condemned vessel. The first boat carried 44 passengers and managed to reach the safety of shore without incident. Lady Luck did not smile as favorably on the crew of the second craft. The rough inlet waters capsized the tiny lifeboat, dumping 17 seamen into a swirling vortex of confused currents. The lifesaving crews from the two nearby stations who were standing by sprang into immediate action. Not a life was lost, as every member of the Acara's crew who had been thrown into the frigid surf was rescued by the brave squads of lifesavers.

The Acara remained intact for another two days before succumbing to the relentless pounding of the storm-riled surf. She finally broke in two amidships, letting the Atlantic claim yet another victim to her fury.

Now that we know what became of the Acara back in 1902, how did she get the unusual moniker "T" wreck? Let's investigate and explore the facts.

It seems that of all the cargo the old British steamer was carrying, the bulk of it consisted of 50,000 cases of imported Chinese tea and 14,800 100-pound ingots of block tin. Take "t" for tea and "t" for tin, throw in another "t" for tautog and you've got a pretty good idea why the Acara is known locally as the "T" wreck. Divers are still occasionally bringing up ingots of tin, so this location is a popular place for the underwater dive set. Consider that of the original 14,800 tin ingots in the Acara's manifest, only 12,000 were salvaged at the time of her sinking. That leaves over 2,500 still down there and these ingots are not without a street value, which is rumored to be in excess of $100 each. You just might see a few "diver Dan" types there if you take to trip to the Acara; so be careful not to bounce any anchors on top of these folks if you see the red and white diving pennant waving in this area. It's also popular with the Scuba clique because it's an easy dive, especially for beginners and the shallow 25 foot depth gives them maximum time to explore the bottom without decompressing.

Just as a note of curiosity, the Acara at one time was situated smack dab in the middle of Jones Inlet and was listed as a hazard to navigation. You might then ask yourself how the "T" wreck got to be approximately 6/10 of a nautical mile east of the Jones Inlet jetty? Well, the wreck didn't move, but the inlet did! Incredible as it may seem, Jones Inlet has shifted that far to the west in the years since the Acara's demise and this is the plight suffered by all south shore inlets due to prevailing east to west currents that continually sweep along the beaches, carrying sand and changing the face of these doorways to the Atlantic.

Addressing the "t" for tautog angle of the "T" wreck, this was the name of an excellent article in The Fisherman magazine a few years back by noted outdoor photographer and writer Dick Mermon. Dick has spent many years working all of the Acara's secret nooks and crannies for king-sized blackfish and the "local knowledge" he describes in this piece is indispensable for those who would like to add this wreck to their list of viable fish-producing hotspots. Dick goes on to describe how you can see the effect of the currents as they wash over the rusting bones of the Acara and produce a "boiling" effect on the ocean's surface, enabling the observant fisherman a chance to pinpoint her whereabouts without the use of a Loran C unit. Dick finishes up by explaining when to hit the wreck to snare the largest specimens, and then describes his favorite time proven baits to accomplish this task.

You will also find some sea bass in the shadows of the Acara, as well as schools of bluefish and perhaps a passing pod of striped bass. The surrounding water depths are in the 25 foot range, but if you get in tight on the "T" wreck's position, you'll find that the water will have only a 5 to 10 foot depth, due to the hull's rising profile. If you are going to anchor over the wreck, be careful to consider both wind, current and groundswell activity, as they all will have an effect on what piece of bottom you will end up over. Be sure to give enough scope to your anchor in case it doesn't hold, or you will be contributing a future "artifact" to our diving friends for their underwater excursions.

Next week, we're going to slide along Jones Beach a bit to spot a few miles to the east to investigate yet another grounding of a steamship along the south shore: the wreck of the Roda.

THE ACARA
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: March 1, 1902
Date Built: 1898, Newcastle, England
Length: 380 feet
Beam: 47.3 feet
Displacement: 4,193 gross tons, 2,677 net tons
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Condition: Broken up, some parts sanded over.
Depth of Water: 25 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 5 to 10 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 40-34.57 N/73-33.32 W
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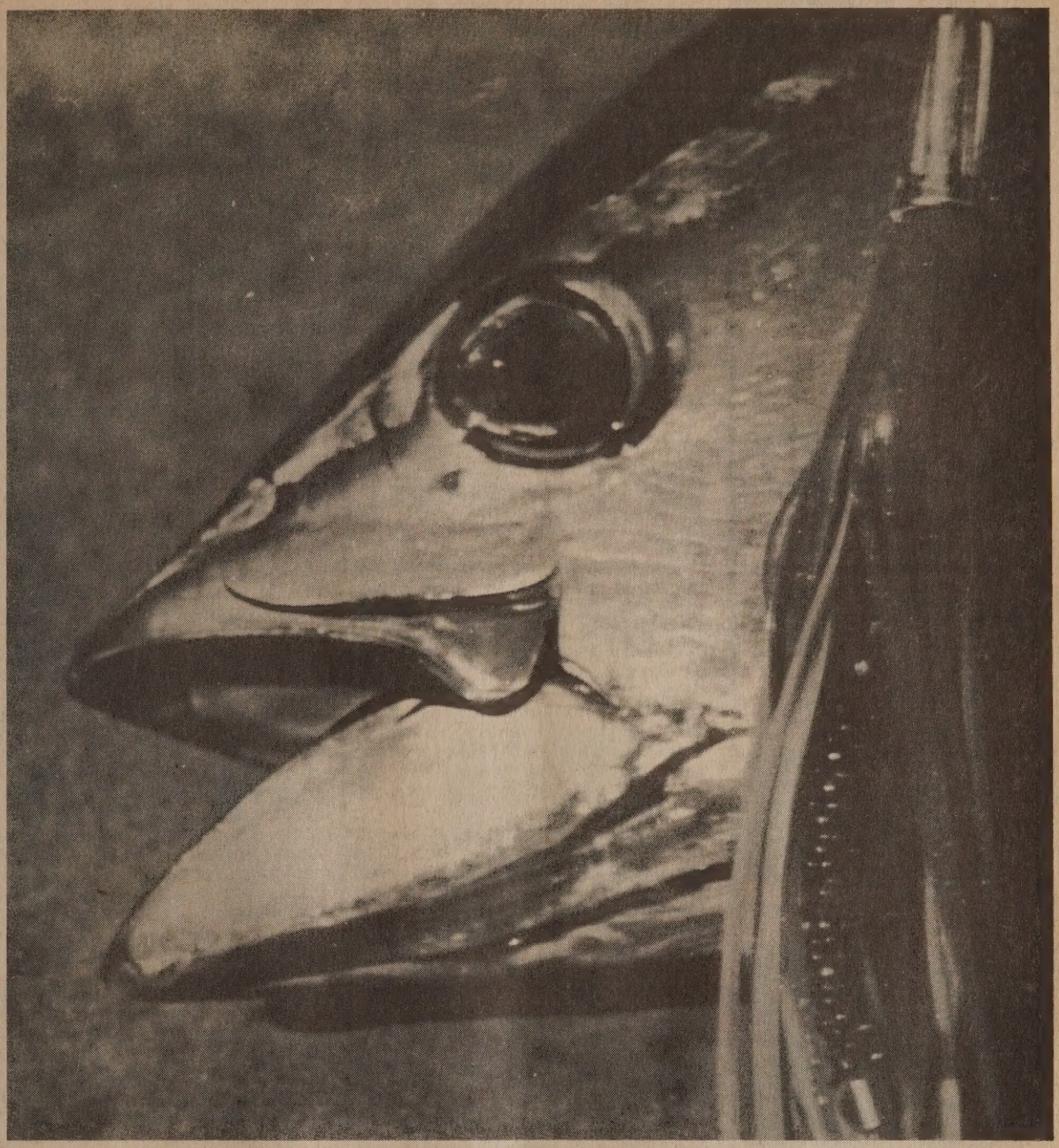

KEYS TO LOCATING OFFSHORE GAMEFISH

by Charles Witek

It's a big ocean and finding fish offshore can be tough. Far too many anglers think, "The fish can be anywhere," and pick their fishing spots haphazardly. Such fishermen get plenty of fresh air and sunshine. They don't get many fish.

When fishing offshore, the first and most important rule is: Don't buck the seasonal migration. Game fish move up and down the coast like a great wave. A few fish, forerunners of the school, appear warning of the main body's approach. Not long after, the run builds, then crests. Soon, the wave moves on, leaving only a few stragglers in its wake.

The trick is to locate the main body of fish and follow it as long as you can.

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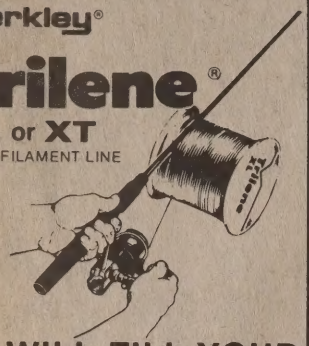

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angler can predict the arrival of a body of fish with reasonable accuracy. Shark fishing usually peaks south of Fire Island Inlet around the last week in June. Tuna first appear in the Compass Rose about the same time. But each year, the exact date varies. Warm weather can hurry a migration along. Local abundances of baitfish can alter the speed of the gamesters' advance. During the '85 season, for example, warming waters enticed arriving makos to speed past Fire Island. By the last weekend in June, the main body of fish was approaching Shinnecock. Many fishermen paid no heed to the reports coming from the east, fished their traditional spots south of the inlet, and found few fish. None were large.

To be successful, a fisherman must be open-minded, must be flexible enough to fish where the fish **are**, not where he hopes or wants them to be. Everyone would prefer a short, comfortable run to the fishing grounds. But the fish may demand a long, wet, bumpy run from those who would score.

Once the pattern of the seasonal migration is established, local movements must be considered. Being tied in to a local network of anglers is invaluable here, as most vacation-and-weekend-only fishermen don't have the time or the opportunity to collect the information themselves. A few hours spent analyzing reports in newspapers and publications such as this one will be reflected in an increased harvest on the offshore grounds.

In June of '84, the spring shark run was right on time. But runoff from unusually heavy rains had lowered the sea's salinity in New York Bight. Few anglers were taking fish. Published reports told of good fishing at the Texas Tower, southeast of the Compass Rose and off Shinnecock, in 30 or more fathoms of water. On a day when I had to produce fish for an out-of-town guest, I took my boat to the vicinity of the Coimbra Wreck, where a brown shark was tagged within minutes of arrival and my visitor fought a big thresher while a mako made passes at the chum can.

Ignoring reports of good catches is foolish. During the '85 season, a heavy offshore algae bloom ruined tuna fishing off the south shore of Long Island for most of the summer. From late July to mid-August, the only place that held any number of fish was a small patch of water northeast of the Texas Tower. Boats that fished the area didn't always do well, but most at least took a fish or two. Many anglers stubbornly refused to fish the area, sticking with more easily reached inshore locations. They got skunked.

The presence of baitfish is vital to successful fishing. Fish travel constantly in search of food. When they find bait, they stick with it. Structure concentrates baitfish, so wrecks, submarine ridges (fingers) and holes are vita to consistent offshore action. And not only bottom structure is important. "Surface structure" such as weed lines and other large floating objects draw baitfish that seek shelter in the shade they create. Such debris is well known for drawing dolphin, but other, larger game fish will take advantage of it as well. I was once fishing out of Galilee, Rhode Island when a weed line proved sufficient to draw a 416 lb. blue marlin close enough to shore to be (unfortunately) harpooned by another fisherman in a 17 foot Boston Whaler, who mistook it for a swordfish.

Baitfish concentrations can be obvious, like the vast schools of sand eels that drew yellowfin tuna—and a few giant bluefins—onto the Patchogue Grounds in the fall of '83. Or they can be subtle. The raft of dead and dying groundfish that spreads across the water when a trawler hauls its nets draws big fish—sharks, marlin and tuna—as surely as any chum slick. An abundance of whales, sunfish, birds, etc., is a sure sign that bait is plentiful and game fish should be nearby.

Water temperature can also play a role in locating fish. During the middle of the season, when warm water is well distributed, temperature is probably the least important factor, although a strong cold front and accompanying north winds can cool surface waters for a few days and put a crimp in the action. Early and late in the season, temperature is more critical. Pockets of warm water in an otherwise chill ocean will hold most of the fish and provide most of the action. Despite temperaure's undisputed contribution to success, fishermen must remember that fish will often sojurn in water too warm or too cool for their liking to feast on abundant baitfish, but will never tarry in water of the perfect temperature if it is devoid of forage.

Water clarity and salinity can also affect fishing. The algae bloom of '85, mentioned earlier, extended from the bays out into Hudson Canyon and virtually halted offshore fishing between mid-July and late August. Beyond the bloom, fishing for pelagic species was often very good. Within the cloudy, khaki-colored water, only sharks and bluefish fed freely. The effects of salinity on local offshore sport is less certain. In the '84 season, only brown, dusky and occasional white sharks entered seas diluted by heavy spring rains. All mako, blue and thresher shark action in the New York Bight was concentrated far offshore. To the east, where salinity approached normal levels, the shark season was unaffected. As the low salinity condition was not too long lived we—perhaps fortunately—did not see its effects on other species.

Wind, and resultant rough water, can be a bane and a blessing. Everyone must decide how much abuse they are willing to take for the sake of a fish. But if sea conditions are well within the capabilities of boat and captain, rough water can be a

Godsend. Tuna revel in it, and strike much more freely than they do on glassy days. And a breeze will push a drifting boat along faster on the shark grounds, bringing the chum slick into the paths of more cruising fish.

Sometimes, a lumpy ocean tempts anglers to fish close to port. There are times when sea conditions make a long run impractical but, once you have carefully worked out where to fish, don't quickly abandon your plan. It is hard to remain patient during the long run to a chosen spot, especially when fishing under tournament deadlines. But remember, you picked that spot because the fish are there. Fishing for a longer period, in probably unproductive waters, is truly a waste of time.

Once you arrive on the fishing grounds, don't be too quick to jump from area to area. I once went tuna trolling with the type of angler who's always seeking greener pastures. Someone gave us a set of Loran numbers that had been producing yellowfin for the past week. We put our lines in near the Texas Tower and trolled toward the numbers. When we got there, the lines were brought aboard and we ran out to the Hudson Canyon. After trolling the flats west of the canyon for about 90 minutes, we ran back to the tower. And caught no tuna. Other boats, persistently working the numbers, had sporadic action with yellowfin throughout the day.

In short, the movements of offshore game fish are predictable. By analyzing your own experiences and any reports and information you can obtain, the outlines of the annual migrations and any local variations of the overall coastwise movement will become obvious. (Plotting the reports, along with the dates of the activity, on a chart can usually make the fish's movements very easy to pin down.) Once the general area of operations has been chosen, plan the day's fishing to take place around bait-attracting bottom structure in water with a temperature close to, but not necessarily in, the target species' preferred temperature range. Have the determination to run to the chosen spot if sea conditions make it possible, and fish that spot thoroughly once you get there. While fishing, be alert to signs of bait concentrations, weedlines, floating debris or other factors that might draw fish. In an area where game fish are abundant, the fish themselves will often be seen.

Of course, even when an acre or two of water is being churned into froth by wildly feeding tuna, the fish may not strike the offered lures. And a fisherman may troll a prime area for days and come back empty, while someone doing all the "wrong" things in the "wrong" place scores. All vestiges of luck cannot be factored out. But by playing the percentages, by being in the right place at the right time, any angler will find that he will be more successful, more often.

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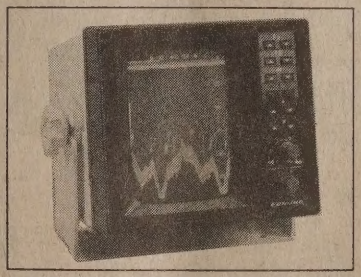

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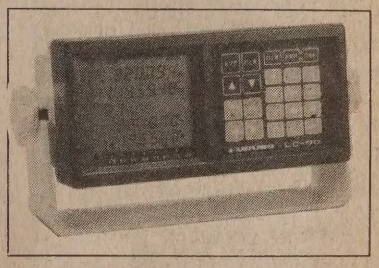

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SUMMER SLAMMERS

by Gerald Hahn

Open boat anglers trek many miles to sample the gorilla blues that are synonymous with Montauk.

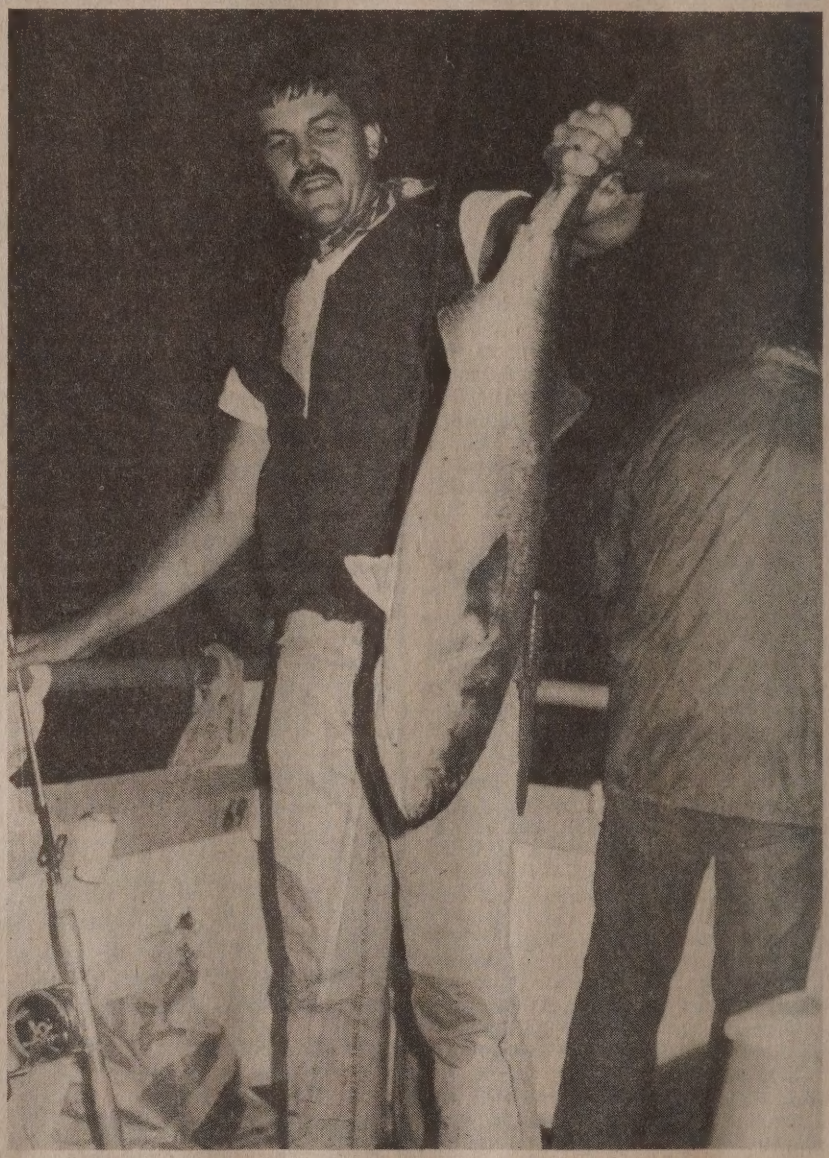
In the world of business and finance the name "Big Blue" refers to IBM, one of the largest corporations in the world. IBM is not simply one of 30 blue chip industries listed on the New York Stock Exchange, it is a bellweather stock, a standard by which other companies are compared.

In the piscatory world, however, there is another Big Blue: the bluefish that reside at Montauk. The blues here are not the 5 to 6 pounders commonly taken elsewhere in New York. In the summer they range from 8 to 14 pounds, and by autumn, teen-sized specimens are the norm.

Around Montauk, everything is big—doormat fluke, humpback porgies, snowshoe flounder, bulldog blackfish—so it is not surprising to find what locals call "humungus" bluefish. One night I fished here with two regulars, and one of them caught the first blue, an 8 pounder. His buddy ribbed him: "That's not a blue, that's a snapper!" Charter boat anglers pursue these fish mostly around Cartwright, south of Montauk, or as a bycatch on tuna and shark trips. But party boat anglers get their share, too, principally in the area called "South of Block Island," a body of water with numerous ledges and depressions and strong currents.

Although at one time the party boats at Montauk fished for blues day and night throughout the summer, most boats today make it primarily a nighttime affair. One drawback to night fishing is that the angler seldom uses artificials, although at times a luminescent diamond jig, which is covered wtih a chemically treated plastic that glows in the dark with an eerie green light, will take a few fish. For the most part, however, the fishing is performed with bait.

Although baitfishing at night can be highly productive—indeed, during the summer doldrums in the West End, it is more productive than diamond jigging in the day—it is generally slower than using a lure. Bait has to be constantly monitored and freshened. Moreover, when drifted on the surface, which is one way to present bait at night, the rig takes a long time to reach its destination. At Block Island, these problems are compounded. In the first place, except during the fall run, the large blues here are generally not concentrated in tight ranks. Further, the fish here are not only more difficult to hook in the strong currents, they are taken in deeper water than in the West End—110 feet as opposed to 80 feet.



King sized blues are commonly taken south of Block Island.

In fact, the more I fish at Montauk, the more I learn. For the patterns change constantly. For example, not long ago, a rental rod, a 6 footer with a 3/0 reel, came with a chain and drail rig mounted with two hooks for big baits: whole bunker or herring measuring a foot in length. The rig weighed several pounds. Today, the chain, which serves as the leader behind the football-shaped sinker (the drail), has been shortened to accommodate a cut piece of herring. The rig now has only one hook. During the ride to the fishing grounds, the mates cut the herring into three sections: the tail, a chunk from the center and a head section which extends to the rib cage. Of the three, the head section seems to draw the most strikes, so it is best to secure as many of these as

possible. Next, even if you rent a rod here, it pays to bring along some other kinds of rigs. In fact, during the last few seasons, I have found the chain and drail rig to be the least effective on the bottom. You will catch more blues on the bottom with a cod rig, or even an 8 oz. diamond jig with a hunk of herring on the hook. A cod rig consists of a 10 oz. diamond shaped sinker connected to an end loop on the 50 lb. test running line. Three feet above, a large dropper loop holds the hook, an 8/0 Beak on a 6 inch single strand wire leader, both colored brown for low visibility. The cod rig, as opposed to the chain and drail which is fished about five turns off the bottom, is fished with the sinker barely grazing the bottom. This way, you can feel the bottom and compensate for the pitching of the boat while the bait dangles in the current three feet above, where most of the bluefish lurk. With a chain and drail rig, the boat could be swinging over a depression on the sea floor, and you will never know it unless you periodically drop it back. When fishing either rig, cast it away from the boat and bring it back slowly.

At times, a diamond jig mounted with a hunk of herring (I can hear the purists having apoplexy) will also take bluefish on the bottom. The jig, however, must be worked in the manner for catching cod. This means, a long cast with slow pulls on the rod, so that the baited lure bumps slowly on the bottom. No high speed jigging here. Since the boats here fish, more often than not, at anchor, try to get a position somewhere along the stern when using any of the rigs mentioned.

Another excellent rig at Block Island is a floating rig, although, unfortunately, few people use it. Some nights, it is the deadliest rig of all. On one trip two seasons ago, for example, I watched a Jamaican bring in 25 blues in three hours, an extraordinary feat at Block Island. He caught every one of them with a floating rig while many people were skunked on the bottom. His version of the rig was unusual, for there was no wire leader. Instead he looped the hook through a doubled length of 80 pound test monofilament and secured the two foot leader to the running line with a Surgeon's knot. Equally effective and less risky, is to use the aforementioned hook on a single strand wire leader, tying the barrel swivel to the running line with an improved clinch knot. Some people, in fact, remove the chain from the chain and drail rig and use it for a floating rig. Other people, fearing breakoffs and lost rigs, tie a two foot leader of 60 to 80 lb. test monofilament between the wire and the running line. A barrel swivel, preferably a dark one, makes the connection. Although floating rigs are meant to stay on the surface, some people add a tiny sinker, such as a rubber core or a clinch sinker, or even an egg sinker, about 18 inches above the hook. The sinker helps the light rig get started in the current. A floating rig, of course, must be fished from the side of the boat where lines are moving out. The bait is flipped in the water and the reel left in free spool. At first, it hardly moves at all, but in awhile the fishing line takes on water and the current pulls the rig away from the boat. Floating rigs move out faster from a drifting boat than from an anchored boat. To be effective, the bait must move constantly, however, slow, until about 100 to 200 feet of line is payed out. If nothing happens by then, retrieve the rig and start over. At Montauk, a floating rig is particularly effective when there is a full moon or a bright starry night. The surface water is brighter at these times.

Whether you fish on top or bottom at Block Island, baiting up should be done carefully. Herring, particularly, have large scales and if one gets caught on the barb of the hook, it's bye-bye Big Blue. Rig the head section of the herring just behind the eyes, in the hard part of the head and run the point through twice. Tail sections should be impaled twice, as well, near the forepart and then in the center. Chunk baits, steaks from the center, are generally hooked through the skin near the dorsal side and again near the backbone. A butterfly cut in the belly makes this bait flutter somewhat. Hooks, of course, should be needle-sharp and drag settings below the breaking point of the line. For a drag setting that is too tight gives the blue leverage to wear a large hole in its mouth, and even to break the rig from the running line.

If you intend to bring your own gear, try an 8 foot cod stick matched with a Penn Senator or a Jigmaster or a Daiwa 50-H. Beef up the spool with 50 lb. test rather than the 40 lb. test used in the West End. If the fish are running on the large side, you will be grateful for the extra weight.

Summer bluefishing begins a little later here than in the West End, generally in the beginning of July. There are at least two party boats at Montauk going for bluefish every night, starting at 7 or 7:30 PM: the Viking and the Marlin. Last season, some other boats occasionally made bluefishing trips to Cartwright, fishing from one side of the boat exclusively. Fishing continues into the fall run, through October and, weather permitting, may extend well into November.

Night fishing for big blues has other rewards. In the sweltering heat of a summer day, the fishing is far more comfortable at night. Indeed, fishermen often wear jackets on these summer nights. A wonderful sunset during the 1½ to 2 hour trip to the fishing grounds should not be missed. Neither should the numerous baitfish—squid, sand eels, garfish and the like—that congregate around the boat as soon as the floodlights go on. If you want to experience quality fishing, perhaps for a trophy, try Block Island's big blues.

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MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM HAVING POSITIVE IMPACT

by Robert J. Kent

This unique program has groomed a staff of highly talented anglers for the purpose of educating newcomers to the fishing game.

If you are concerned about the future of sport fishing, concerned about marine conservation issues, and would like to help beginners become better anglers and sportsmen, then Master Anglers may be a program for you. Master Anglers is a volunteer training program developed by Cornell Cooperative Extension Staff, including Sea Grant Specialists and 4-H agents.

The idea for Master Anglers came about when a group of Cooperative Extension staff members were discussing the topic of how new people get introduced to fishing. It seemed to us that many people tried to start fishing without any training. The result was that they often had unsuccessful experiences and gave up in frustration after one or two outings. We tried to put ourselves in the place of a novice, or of parents who wanted to get their children involved in the healthful sport of fishing, but hadn't any idea where to begin. The tremendous variety of fishing rods, lures, knots to tie, baits to choose and species to try for must seem overwhelming to the beginner.

We discussed how each one of us got started fishing. In most cases, a parent or close relative introduced us to the sport. I remember my father taking me freshwater fishing during summer vacations. Although we lived on Long Island, we never went saltwater fishing, and so I never learned anything about it until much later in life. We wondered how many other kids there might be who had no one to teach them fishing basics.

We compared fishing to the sport of hunting. At least for hunters there are hunter safety courses taught by trained volunteers to give people the basic foundation to get them started. In those courses, people have the opportunity to learn about types of equipment to use, safety concerns, and basic wildlife management concepts.

So we decided it was time that someone developed a program to help people get started in fishing. Being a 4-H agent myself, working with children all the time, I was especially

4—H fishing leader, Tom Schlichter, demonstrates how to fillet fish at Sport Fishing Camp.

interested in teaching children how to fish. With the help of Fred Golofaro, editor of The Fisherman Magazine, we had begun a sport fishing program at our 4-H camp. We needed more adult instructors to help us, though.

We ended up our discussion with the idea for the Master Angler program. Master Anglers were to be trained adult volunteer educators, dedicated to promoting sport fishing and conservation on Long Island. After much planning and discussion, we put together a 13 week training course that featured a variety of topics including fish biology and ecology, fisheries management, fish handling and cooking, angling techniques, teaching techniques, safety and conservation ethics. Our program was to be taught by a variety of people, including Cooperative Extension staff, staff from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and some locally recognized angling experts. We wondered if anyone would want to become one of our Master Anglers. We were hopeful, because we knew there was a dedicated group of Hunter Safety Instructors working in New York State.

We sent out a press release that was carried by several local newspapers, as well as The Fisherman. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that there were lots of people wanting to be a part of our program. In fact, more people applied than we could possibly accept. We chose carefully from those who applied. We were looking for people who had a strong background in fishing, and really knew that they were doing. We also looked for people who were serious about wanting to do volunteer work, and serious about helping other people get started in fishing. We also looked for people who were concerned about conservation and sportsmanship, and could help us teach others about the importance of wise us of our marine resources.

Our first group included 31 highly motivated and experienced anglers. We waited with great anticipation to meet our first group of Master Angler trainees as they arrived for their first class at the Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge in Islip. Tom Litwin, the director of Seatuck, had been very gracious in permitting us to hold our training program there. The training ran for 13 evenings during the fall of 1985. In December we graduated our first class of Master Anglers. Twenty-nine of the original thirty-one candidates made it through the training. Fred Golofaro, a member of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Extension, handed out the diplomas.

Before they could graduate, each Master Angler candidate had to get up before the class and give a presentation on some aspect of fishing. They had to prepare a lesson plan or education tool as well. We were proud to see what an excellent job they did!

What have the Master Anglers been doing in their communities since they graduated? A whole variety of activities. Master Anglers Lou Tinto and Tom Healy taught a rod building class to a group of 4-H youths and their parents at the 4-H center in Plainview. Mike Campanelli and Ken Darney taught an introduction to fishing class at the West Babylon Library. Ken also helped organize a fishing trip for a homemakers' unit in Lindenhurst. Joe Schaefer helped show young people how to cast at the Captree Seafest, while Dave Romeo organized a clean-up of the Wantagh Lakes. Bill Carll and Lorry Mangan are busy promoting sport fishing on their own television shows.

Teaching kids how to enjoy fishing is what the Master Angler Program is all about.

Master Anglers Mike Campanelli, Alan Hildenbrand, MaryJeanne McAward, Paul Pepe, Lou Tinto, Charles Nardi, Charles Burge, and Tom Healy all showed up to help at sport fishing camp, a program for teenagers, aged 12 to 14, co-sponsored by 4-H and The Fisherman Magazine. Several other Master Angler programs are scheduled for the months ahead, including a snapper derby for families in Bellport.

Our next training of Master Anglers begins this September. To give east end anglers a chance to get involved, the training this year will be held at Cooperative Extension Headquarters in Riverhead. The program runs for 13 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning in late September and running through the middle of December. If you are interested in becoming a Master Angler, write to Robert Kent, Cooperative Extension Agent, 246 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901. We'll send you an application, a form that describes the philosophy and goals of the program, and a complete schedule of the training program. Remember, we're looking for experienced anglers who have a serious dedication to sport fishing and want to improve the sport by sharing their knowledge with others.

We hope that someday there may be Master Anglers teaching sport fishing skills in every county of New York. A very successful Master Angler training program was recently completed by a group of dedicated anglers on the shores of Lake Ontario. Like the Long Island Master Anglers, those enthusiastic volunteers are helping others to enjoy the sport of fishing.

A TOUCH OF THE WILDERNESS

by Gary Caputi

While attending some of the many sport fishing shows held around the Metropolitan Area last winter, I met a man by the name of A.J. Shoemaker who operates a fishing, hunting and wilderness riding guide service in the Pocono mountains. I stopped to talk with him about his services for a few minutes and found myself fascinated by what he was telling me about the fishing trips he runs.

When you think of pack trips by mule into remote areas to fish for native brook trout and trophy browns, somehow a three hour ride from New York City by car to get there just seems impossible. Thoughts of the Colorado Rocky Mountains and other distant places seem far more easy to fathom, but A.J.'s enthusiasm and warm personality kept me listening and to my amazement, I made plans for just such a trip for the upcoming spring. Then A.J. said, "bring your wife along. Whether she rides or not, she'll have a great time," so I agreed to ask.

In addition, fellow outdoor writer, J.B. Kasper, a Delaware River fishing guide, decided he would like to try it and he brought his wife, Marsha to provide some additional female companionship for Jeannette on the trip. We now had a foursome ready for something different in the way of fishing trips, and different it was.

A.J.'s outfit is called Pocono Adventures On Mules and is situated in the Pocono Mountains a few miles north of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. The accommodations are old-fashioned, bunk house style, with small bunk rooms for two and ranch style cooking for guests included in the cost of overnight stays or trips that will last several days. The food is great and the friendly, helpful attitude of his staff makes you feel like part of the family right off the bat. There is a genuine warmth extended to the guests as soon as you arrive.

What the average person, especially those not too familiar with large, hooved animals expects when the word mule comes up is nothing like the majestic animals that A.J. uses for these wilderness rides. The mules are large, considerably larger than the average horse. What little they have in common with a donkey is only given away by their over-sized ears and slightly rounded nose. The mules we rode were not only big, but friendly, docile, strong and willing to please the rider.

A mule of the product of cross

breeding a male donkey and a female horse. The resulting animal is 40 percent stronger than a horse and more sure-footed with larger legs and hooves. The hooves are so large and hard that they don't require metal shoes and therefore, provide a better grip on the loose rocks that make up the majority of the Poconos. These mules are BIG. A.J. uses mules that are mothered by large horse breeds such as Belgians and Clydesdales. One beautiful grey that I rode by the name of Sarge was over 17 hands tall at the shoulder. The average riding horse is between 14 and 15 hands tall. Sarge weighed in at a whopping 1600 pounds and was only four-years-old and still growing.

To give you an idea of how strong these animals are, at one point on our ride, we encountered a fallen tree across the trail. A.J. instructed me to have my mule walk up to the tree and place his chest against it. With the simple command "push," the mule pushed the tree completely off the path. It was like riding a four legged bulldozer. For their size, they are fast and agile. When I asked how quick they were compared to a horse, A.J. told me a couple of his mules could outrun the fastest horses in that area of the state. I was later given the opportunity to run Sarge at a gallop and let me tell you, he was FAST!

In addition to the other characteristics of these animals, they are also extremely intelligent and it's almost impossible to startle or upset them. In situations that would spook the average horse, these mules remain calm, undisturbed and easy to control, a real blessing to someone not exactly at home in the saddle.

After a short course in riding for those among us who have only been on horseback a couple of times or not at all, we were off. Both of the wives were pretty sceptical about their ability to master such large animals, but after only 15 minutes, terror turned to excitement and then to a feeling of being comfortable with them. Mules are anything but stubborn. They are willing to please and easy to handle as our ride brought us into deeper and denser forest, so thick that a horse could never negotiate it. We climbed and descended steep, rocky terrain that a man on foot would never attempt and even a four wheel drive vehicle would not be able to handle.

Our destination was a remote area of Pennsylvania's famous Lehigh River. The Lehigh is well known to many avid trout fishermen, but the areas we fished are all but impossible to reach without the help of A.J. and his mules. It would require a 25 mile canoe trip from the nearest river access point to get there by water. Such a trip would require someone who could handle the craft in some very treacherous rapids. Keeping the remoteness in mind, you can be sure the fish there are plentiful, bigger than average and not too hard to

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J.B. Kasper, guide and outdoor writer, gets ready to release another Lehigh River brook trout back to fight again.

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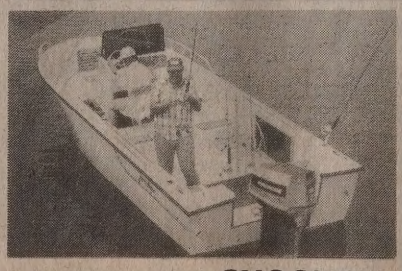

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tempt into hitting artificials. A fly fisherman would go crazy with all the pools, riffles and large boulders that hide fat brown trout and native brookies.

The ride to the river was about 3 hours on mule back each way and we enjoyed the ride at least as much as we did the fishing! It seems that the mules' scent covers the human scent and game is less apt to be scared by another animal than they are by man. We weren't on the mules for an hour before we started seeing signs of black bears. Trees torn down and other common bear signs were everywhere. We saw several deer and then came across a hen turkey that we got within 20 feet of before noticing that she had a brood of chicks with her. Now that's something very few people, including avid hunters, ever get to see.

We also saw some of the Pocono's famous timber rattlers. These snakes that strike fear into many people look much less intimidating from six feet up, atop a large mule. The mules would hear the snake giving us its loud rattling warning to keep clear and they would not become startled or scared. A horse would buck or throw the rider in that situation. The mules just keep an eye on the snake and calmly make their way around it. No fuss, no muss.

The ride was breathtaking, exhilarating and more fun than I have had in the woods in years. I almost wished that we didn't have to stop the ride to fish. That was until I saw the river, nestled deep in a stunningly beautiful valley of cliffs, rocks and tall timber. The river was like a picture postcard and there wasn't another soul around. The water was clean and clear and all types of natural, fish holding structures abound in the 5 mile stretch we were to fish on our two-day trip. Just looking at it, you knew it had to be full of hungry trout.

It didn't take us long to get off the mules and into our waders. Since I am not well versed in fly fishing for trout, I brought along a couple of ultralight spinning outfits and a few boxes of assorted spinners, plugs and other goodies. It wasn't more than a couple of casts at the first place we stopped before I netted the biggest brook trout I've caught in years, a beautifully colored 15 incher. As J.B. and myself continued fishing we caught brookies and browns pretty regularly, especially considering that we were fishing the middle hours of the day in bright, unobstructed sunlight. Conditions like that usually put trout off the feed, except in early morning and in the evening, but we caught many.

The river's brownies were fat and accommodating. They chased #5 and #7 floating and count-down Rapalas right up to your feet. I had one brown come out from under an undercut bank and follow the plug right back to me, before veering off when he caught sight of me standing in the water. That fish was at least 4 lbs. We caught browns that were easily over

17 inches and saw many more as large and larger.

After streamside talks with A.J., we determined that an overnight trip to the river would probably produce some incredible results. These big browns do the majority of their feeding late and early in the day and at night. A.J. will be conducting overnight trips to the remote area of the river starting this summer. These trips will leave the ranch early in the afternoon, so the fishermen will be at the river for the evening feed. They will then enjoy a light streamside dinner and go back out again to fish as much during the night as they desire. A short nap and an early streamside breakfast before sunup and they will then be able to enjoy fishing the trout at sunrise and into the early morning before the ride back out. I can't wait to try this one!

There is more to the Lehigh than trout. In walks upstream, we came across deep, slow moving areas that had spawning smallmouth bass in the shallows. We saw one female that had to top 4 lbs., extremely large for a river smallie. In those same pools we caught, of all things, pickerel up to 19 inches. With a little exploration and being there when the fish weren't on the spawning beds and are more apt to be tempted by a fisherman's offering, I am sure some excellent smallmouth fishing could be experienced.

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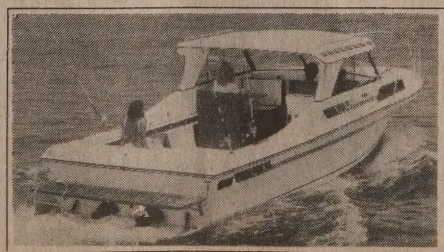

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WHERE DOORMATS REIGN SUPREME

by Al Ristori

The summer flounder, or fluke is our second most popular sport fish in the Mid-Atlantic. Only the bluefish is caught in greater numbers each year and those two species are the backbone of our inshore fisheries. The eating qualities of the fluke are beyond dispute, but many anglers disdain fishing for them because there's not much fight involved and the sizes are generally quite small. For those fishermen, the late summer run of doormats at Montauk should prove to be a suitable challenge.

When we talk about doormats, the exact definition is rather vague. For some it's any large fluke, while others may hold back the title for at least a 6 to 8 pounder. However, the more usual dividing line is an even 10 pounds. Though still less than half the world record size, fluke of 10 pounds are normally few and far between. There are a few places where you can actually seek them out during the summer with some chance of scoring, but the few caught each year in most areas are just chance fish. Most party boats (particularly those working only bay areas) may go through an entire season without lucking into a single doormat.

Fortunately, there is one place where you can considerably improve your odds of hooking a doormat. From about mid-August to mid-September each year the largest fluke of all move past Montauk Point on their way south or offshore, pausing along the way to feed in 50 to 70 foot depths just south of the point. The bottom is rough and fishing for the doormats isn't easy, but this represents the best shot at a really big fluke that I'm aware of.

When fluke were quite scarce during the late 1960s, a few specialists managed to catch some big ones in the rips off Montauk Point. Then the species began a comeback and smaller fish took over in the rips. The fishing there was very good and still is to this day. Furthermore, some doormats are taken from the rips each summer. However, the odds of hooking a big one are against you there—and in your favor south of the point.

Ken Turco with a "south side" doormat.

A few old-timers knew about the big fluke on the south side, but it was Judd York and his partner Frank Lovello who really put in the time to discover the pote ial. One year in the mid-1970s they had over 50 fluke exceeding the 10 pound mark well before the season was over. Considering that most fluke fishermen may go a lifetime without catching a true doormat, that's a remarkable achievement.

Unfortunately, this fishing gradually declined and, though it's come back a bit, still isn't nearly that good. part of the reason may be the vast increase in competition on those grounds. Another is the proliferation of lobster pots.

The latter were always a problem, but in the "old days" they were mostly singles. Now there are many more and they're in long strings. Two buoys may be far apart, but they mark the extremities of the set—and everything in-between can snag you up. To further complicate the situation, the buoys are often dragged under in the strong tides. The best bet is to get out there on slack water to check out the lay of the pots, even taking Loran C numbers on them in order to stay clear when you're drifting.

The bottom is rough and the tides are strong, making for a combination which is beyond the average fluke fisherman's experience. Sinkers of 16 and 20 ounces may have to be employed under extreme circumstances, and I've even switched to my wire line trolling rods in order to cut down on the amount of sinker necessary.

Surprisingly, there isn't as much problem with hang-ups as you might suspect—provided you avoid the lobster pot lines. Though you will get hung from time to time, most often you'll be able to pull out by running the boat directly uptide of the snag. These big fish are not reluctant to come off bottom for a bait and by setting your leader a few inches above the sinker you'll at least eliminate the problem of hanging up the hook as well as the sinker.

Over the years we've found that doormats will jump on a great variety of baits, but they do want volume. It's hard to beat a whole squid, with large strip baits also being a good choice; as are combos with smelt, squid strips and sand eels. Double-hook rigs are favored since these big fish frequently just hang onto the bait rather than swallowing it. York favors a large single hook for the head of the bait and a small treble at the rear.

One thing we've found with whole squid is that they are useless once the head is off. Short-hitting fluke will do this, but sea bass, porgies and sea robins are more of a problem. You can keep the beheaded squid for strips, though it's better to buy large squid for cutting strips. Fish strips can be cut from just about any species. Fluke belly is the usual choice, but the dark side is usually just as effective. Sea robins are usually readily available

and they're just fine. For some reason sea robins seem to be most effective when also skinned. However, the skinned fillet is hard to keep on when there are lots of sea robins and smaller fluke around. Dogfish are another good choice and chunks of that meat will stay on very nice when when skinned.

In fishing this deep water keep in mind that you're looking specifically for doormats, and be prepared when one comes along. Don't try to set a hook prematurely. Those big fish tend to play with the bait, and you'll have to exhibit patience in waiting for the solid feel. I dip my rod tip and lift slowly, only striking if I feel solid weight on the other end. Lovello fishes in free spool at all times and drops back when he feels one start nibbling.

You'll also have to make some adjustments in your boating techniques. Your normal fluke net may not do the job with a doormat. There's nothing worse than trying to steer an oversized fish into a net that won't accommodate it. Fluke tend to panic when they see a net in any case, and a false stab could leave a hook in the net which will help the fluke throw the other hook. Also keep in mind the fact that doormats will often come up just a heavyweight without much fight until they see the net. That's when a false attempt can result in a dive or surface thrashing which may result in a broken line or pulled hook. Have a big net on board and make your first shot a good one! A thin gaff hook on a long handle is also suitable.

Another technique that can be employed around slack water is the use of live snapper blues for bait. Not many anglers do this, but Captain Charlie Nappi was one of the original practitioners—and it paid off for him in the current IGFA all tackle world record fluke. Nappi's 22 lb. 7 oz. fluke was taken on September 15, 1975. More recently, Nappi has established records for 2 and 4 pound test lines at Montauk: 5½ lbs. on 2 pound and 9½ lbs. on 4 pound. Other IGFA line class marks from there are 20 lbs. 2 oz. in the men's 30 pound category by Gay Schwinzer in 1958 and a 6¾ pounder by Diane Lynne Mellish on September 5, 1984 in the women's 4 pound. A good one for the ladies to shoot for is the 16 pound record that's vacant, with a 10 pound minimum.

Very heavy tackle isn't necessary despite the 60 foot depths and strong tides. Remember that the lighter your line is the less sinker will be necessary to hold bottom. I favor heavy baitcasting tackle with 15 to 20 pound test line, but a wide variety of gear will do.

It may not be what it was a decade ago, but the late summer run off the south side of Montauk Point still produces more doormats than any other spot I know of. Put in the time on a private, charter or party boat and the odds may just turn in your favor as they have for on a number of occasions.

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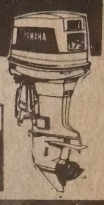

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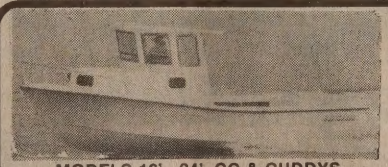

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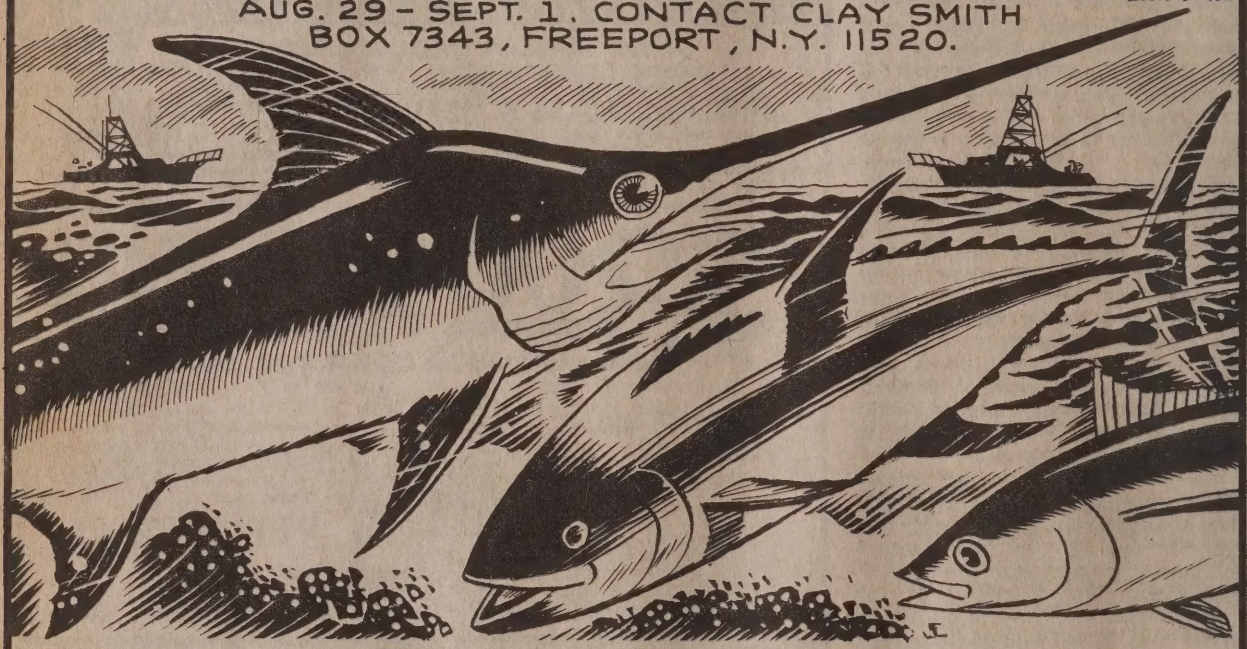

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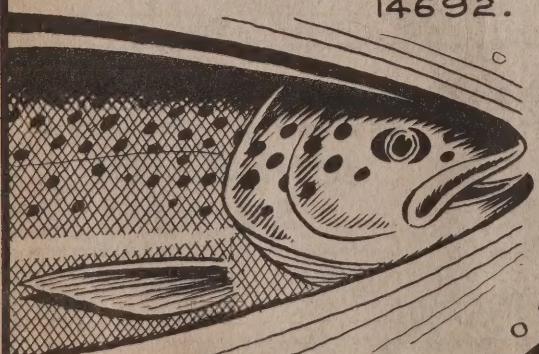

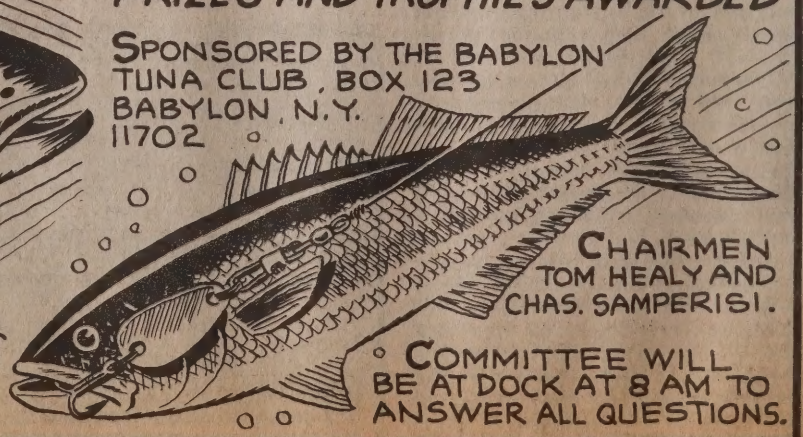

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BACKYARD BLUES

by Fred Laager

North shore anglers find fly rodding ideally suited to taking blues from their home waters.

I've always wanted to go to some exotic island paradise and the details of such a trip would flash through my mind over and over again as the fantasy unfolded in the mist before me. I would wake up early in the morning just a bit before light and saunter down to a secret place along with the beach with nothing but my rod and reel as company. A fog would be rising above the water, perhaps a foot or so and as I waded out along the flats my movements would send the mirrored surface trembling. With each step the water would climb all around me until, looking back toward the shore, I would see nothing but water; the sea encompassing me, making me feel like a part of its world.

Not 15 feet away, fish would dart for cover as I approached, wondering who this strange visitor was that swam upright. Upon seeing a swirl I would begin to cast toward the spot while my heart pounds with excitement. The fly would alight on the surface and sink slowly. Once I would twitch the line; then twice. But on the third try, pow! The fish grabs it. He runs and I fight him. The battle rages and I get tired. But the fish, he tires too, faster than I tire and I subdue him. I remove the hook from his mouth and release him just as the sun kisses the eastern lip of the horizon and I give a casual glance around me and all I can see is water. No one saw me fight the fish and no one knows the spot. The secret is still well kept.

A fantasy? Well, it used to be. I used to sit at home and dream about fishing for bonefish throughout some exotic archipelago, salmon fishing in Alaska or Nova Scotia, tarpon fishing in Key West or trout fishing in New Zealand. Quite often I would curse my lot and wonder why I had been condemned to live my life on Long Island where large fish like the tarpon or salmon, or quick running fish like the bonefish are a non-existent rarity.

But then it occurred to me some years back to try something I had only heard about at the time, but never believed could work with any results on Long Island: saltwater fly fishing. It seemed the logical thing to do. Long Island's waters teem with bluefish from May through November (a season that is longer than the freshwater trout or bass season) and they can put up a fight that will equal or better most any other species anywhere. They range in size from the 9 inch snapper to 20 lb. alligators and frequent virtually every stretch of our shore. It was only natural, I thought, for me to take the fly rod I had been wielding for the last ten years, tie up some large streamer flies, grab my waders and my vest and begin looking for those spots that would produce bluefish consistently.

The author with a nice Long Island Sound blue he tamed with a fly rod.

Having fished in the briny for sometime, I was not totally ignorant of the various hotspots that produced bluefish, but spots that are good for the spin caster or boatbound angler aren't necessarily good spots for the saltwater fly fisherman. Conditions must be just right for fly fishing. I was looking for an area that offered fairly shallow water, a moving current and good footing. Immediately I thought of an area where I used to hunt ducks, so off I went on a quest for some large lunker bluefish on the long wand.

It was a small secret stretch of beach on the north shore where patches of grass grow rampant between beds of black mussels. To the south, a large looming bluff shelters

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a small narrow inlet flowing from the west and even on the windiest of days the surface barely ripples. And then there are the flats that lie parallel to the beach extending a quarter mile east and west until they terminate to the north dropping off into a channel. Here and there in the two foot depth of water numerous holes abound. Roughly 10 to 15 feet in diameter these depressions make a perfect place for bluefish to lie in ambush waiting for smaller fish to cross their path.

I arrived early at this spot, donned my waders, readied my rod and proceeded to make my way out into the bay moving slowly across the light sandy bottom. The bay was characteristically calm and a mist hung heavily on the surface. Each step I took sent the surface trembling as I made my way toward deeper water. As I went the water climbed all around me and clinged to me until, looking back toward the shore I saw nothing but water, the mist in the air and the sea below.

I was now a part of the fish's world. Through the vapor, through the clouds that drifted along unseen currents, I could hear the slapping of jumping fish. It was a clapping noise that bluefish make when they are feeding and it was loud and definite. Instinctively I began to false cast getting 40 to 50 feet of line up in the air. I was throwing a fly of my own design, a white streamer tied on a wide gap hook, garnished with mylar. Upon hearing another clap, I let the fly reach out toward its mark, slicing through the obscure mist, landing in the nebulous haze beyond.

Once I twitched the line; then twice. I drew the fly closer now and just as it came within sight it disappeared, being taken from below by some shiny object, fast and wonderful.

His head was broad; his body, muscular. Pulling with a determination born of desperation he shook his head, somersaulted and raced toward the deeper water back through the mist toward the channel a hundred yards away. Though I couldn't see the fish I knew what he was doing and it was easy for me to picture him vaulting and spinning beneath the surface like an acrobat. He was frightened and a bit angry. He was scared of the creature that swam upright and he was fighting for his life.

Finally, he began to tire and his fight became a rhythmic pumping. Inch by inch I gained on him, bridging the distance between us; sometimes giving line, sometimes taking it. By holding the line between thumb and forefinger, I was able to apply instant drag when it was needed or relieve the pressure in as quick a time as it took the idea to race from my mind to my fingertips. No man-made reel could claim to do the same. But now he was whipped; that I could feel and in a final bid for freedom he made on last leap sending up a shower of spray. He circled a few times, always trying to shake the hook from his lip, but finally, he came close and I lifted him and he was mine.

I looked around me and all I could see was water. No one had seen me and the secret was still well kept. Removing the hook from the fish's jaw with the aid of a fisherman's pliers, I held him steady in the water cradling him from below with one hand and holding his tail with the other. After he regained his equilibrium, he swished his tail and went off with the same sudden motion he had used to take the hook and once more I was alone.

"So this is saltwater fly fishing," I thought, "I'll have to pursue this further."

And I did. Since that first day fishing the flats I have been a devoted addict for salty fly rodding and have trekked to almost every fishy spot on Long Island looking for likely spots to cast a fly. Most of the areas I located showed a variety of angling situations reminiscent of more exotic locales. I have taken striped bass in backwater estuaries that teem with life like that found in a mangrove swamp. Large weakfish have inhaled my patterns along the edge of grassy wetlands in environments that make you feel like Humphrey Bogart dragging the African Queen along behind. I have poled my boat along white sandy flats taking fluke in water less than two feet deep under the blaze of an August sun dressed in nothing but cutoff shorts, straw hat and tee shirt; looking undoubtedly like some Pacific Island guide as I made my way toward deeper water. I have fished in channels where the current raced as hard as any river, taking bluefish that fought and danced as well as any salmon I ever saw, testing the strength of my experience and my tackle.

And it was the bluefish that I first hooked that still hooks me. Undoubtedly, **Pomatomus saltatrix** is a fish that makes salty flyrodding a profitable pastime for they inhabit almost every piece of water from the shallow bays to the open ocean. Throughout the summer months anyone willing to cast a fly to these toothy critters can count on being rewarded with a fight rarely experienced by most advocates of the long wand and all it takes to lane one of these yellow-eyed slammers is the right equipment, a bit of know-how and the desire to make it all happen.

When I started fly fishing for blues I made the usual mistake of buying a reel that was overpowering in drag and in price as well. Quite simply, most bluefish can be handled adequately on any of the larger freshwater reels. A single action model capable of holding an 8 weight line is sufficient and look for one that has an exposed rim that will allow you to add drag by using your hand. This feature, known as a palming spool, is available on most reel models today. A good reel matched with a good rod will give you top performance in the

briny.

Rod choice is a simple matter. With the introduction of graphite as a rod building material lighter, more slender rods, stronger their their weight have replaced the traditional glass rods as the prime choice of the fly rodder. The higher tensile modulus of graphite rods will enable you to achieve longer casts (a necessity in saltwater where bucking the wind is a constant factor) and gives greater hook setting capability and overall strength to the outfit. Any rod rated at an 8 weight will sufficiently handle most saltwater fly sizes and give you the distance required.

Line choice and fly choice is the final decision to be made. For the beginner, a simple weight forward floating line or floating/sinking taper will permit easy retrieval of line allowing the angler to work on casting accuracy. As he advances, intermediate sinking lines will become more desirable because getting the fly down to feeding fish is often the rule rather than the exception. Where flies are concerned, any bright streamer pattern in a size 6 to 1/0 or a popper in sizes 6 to 2/0 will work fine with the 8 weight outfit I've described.

When it comes to finding a place to fish, Long Island has a lot of them and each angler should look for his own secret spot. Scout around. No matter where you live on the Island, bluefish are not far away and some of the best spots to cast a fly to them may be right down your street or in your own back yard.

This year, bluefish numbers are at an all time high so your chances of a hook-up with the fly rod are even greater than in years past. As we move into August the smaller blues will invade our waters offering even greater odds and opportunities for success, so there is no better time than right now to initiate yourself into the sport. A good outfit will cost less than $100, so don't let a few dollars stand in your way.

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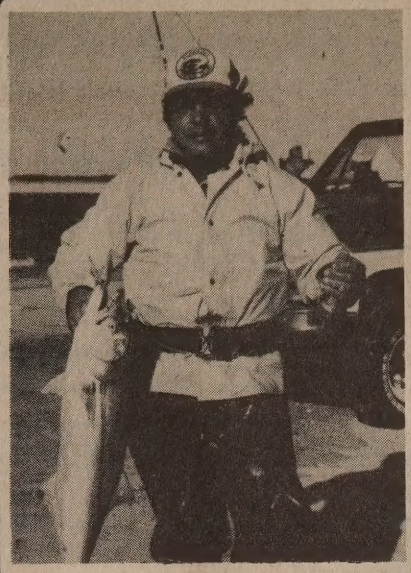

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with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Only bluefish seemed to be affected by the daily lightening storms of the past week. Porgies remain at a record high, while many large fluke have come into deep waters off Gardiner's and in Montauk's traditional spots. Tuna are entrenched in the Butterfish Hole, with an early morning bite most days, except Friday, when the fish were off their feed completely. Many large makos, some over six-hundred pounds, have been caught near the tuna fleet, while giant tuna catches have been on the increase, mostly on chunked baits.

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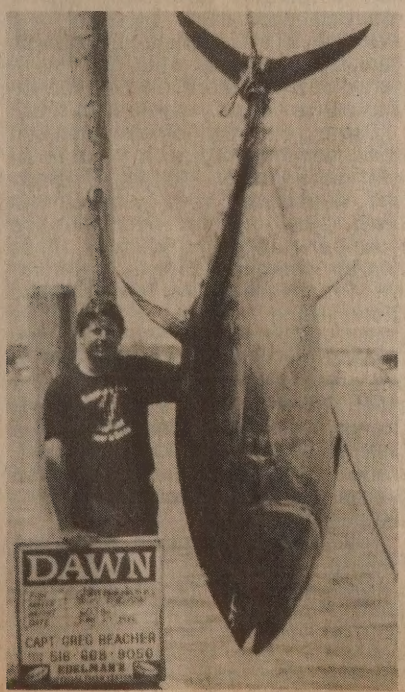
Another IGFA record fluke was caught on a Captain Charlie Nappi rig, this time by June Heath, who is applying for a woman's record on sixteen pound test line for her doormat of ten pounds eight ounces. June was fishing with her husband, Percy, and with Captain Nappi on Percy's boat "Fiddler", drifting a fluke strip at Frisbees on Friday. When certified by the IGFA, the fluke



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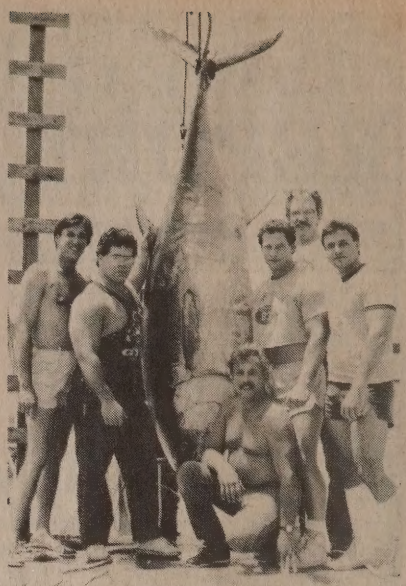

Captain Glenn Hutnick, Tony Lacausi, Craig Hutnick (angler), Darrell Simmons, Ed Laase and Joseph Hutnick with a 721 lb. giant tuna taken on a mackerel daisy chain on Montauk's Tuna Banks. Subcriber photo.

will earn June a $1,000 reward offered by Berkley, since she was using Trilene Line. Captain Nappi pointed out that this is the fifth world's record caught on his packaged rigs. Must be something to them!

Brian Smith, speaking for **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** reported a good catch made by Jim Behan and Bill Guargulis on Saturday. The pair found porgy action red hot at the point, and caught over a bucket full of scup. After they used up all the bait they had brought, they used tiny pieces of cut up sea robbin to catch more porgies. Jim and Bill then drifted for fluke just east of the Point, boating twelve fluke, all over four pounds, with four fish reaching the six pound mark on the certified scale back at the dock.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacher encountered larger porgies this weekend, with Saturday the better of the two days, with the fish in a suicidal mood. Bobby Wilson returned to Patterson, New Jersey with 125 porgies on Saturday, while on Sunday, with a bad heave on the sea, Carlos Kidaro of New York City, caught 99 porgies on the **Little Bear**.

The **Flying Cloud**'s Captain Fred Bird echoed the previous report, calling every day excellent. Last Monday, Rick Erickson had over 150 porgies. Unusual sized fish are usually winning the pool. On Thursday, Hazel Reed of Brooklyn caught 97 porgies, plus a three and a half pound flounder. Saturday's pool was won with an eight and a quarter pound blackfish caught by James Riv -ers of East Orange, New Jersey. Lilian Dinosky and her son Adam (Adam is a mate on the Captain Lou from Freeport) fished both Saturday and Sunday, filling a cooler with porgies. Lilian declared the action, the best porgy fishing in ten years!

Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice** loaded up with porgies up to two pounds in weight on an early week trip with Bob Malinowski and Bob Shuman. Friday's trip with Roy Seiber accounted for another fine haul of porgies. Saturday's charter returned with some bluefish, and weakfish to eleven pounds, while on Sunday, Joe Zodl and his friend fished at the Butterfish Hole, returning with an 88 pound yellowfin tuna.

Captain Ron Grandinetti has been knee deep into porgies on the **Julie III** with big scores on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a dozen sea bass, plus thirteen flounder, top flounder weight three and three quarter pounds. Thursday's charter with Frank Raia and his friends fished Block Island, and for a change of pace, loaded up on bluefish from three to ten pounds, plus an eleven and one quarter pound weakfish. On other charters, Tony Lopez and his friends from the Bronx were knee deep in porgies and some sea bass, while on Friday a trip aranged by Sal Sturge had another banner day with the porgies!

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina**, saw a big catch of porgies made on the marina based boat "Impulse", owned by Rich Reyman, while fishing at the point during the week. On Saturday, Earl, Phil and John fished at Cox's Ledge on the "Compromise" on Saturday for a good catch of cod. The group returned with about four dozen mixed size cod, ranging from scrod to twenty pounds in weight. The outgoing tide

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was the key for Frank Savage and Pete, fishing on "Mimi". The pair fished in seventy feet of water at the North Rips for twenty-four fluke ranging to five pounds in weight. Offshore action was very good most of the week. On Thursday, Richard, Walter and Tony Tarallo chunked for tuna at the Butterfish Hole, putting six bluefins to 180 pounds, three yellowfins to 110 pounds and an albacore into the fish boxes of the **Osprey**. Captain George Zulkofski of the "Crystal Apple", fished with Bob Browning and the boys from B.S. and A Carpenter Contracting of Mount Sinai for three bluefin, an albacore and a dozen yellowfin from sixty to one hundred pounds on Thursday. Sal DeMeglio tried for tuna at the Butterfish Hole on Saturday on the "Contagious", and returned with an 83 pound white marlin that took a tuna bait. The 88 pound fish will be mounted.

A new, larger scale has been ordered for **Gone Fishing Marina**, since a mako shark, caught by Captain Bob Rochetta of the **Rainbow**, could not be weighed on the marina scale, which only went to six hundred pounds. The final weight of the fish at the **Montauk Marine Basin** was 620 pounds. The new scale should be installed at Gone Fishing in a few weeks. Tom Jordan reported a slight slowdown in blues and weaks this past week, however a few bonito tuna have shown up on the south side.

Captain Paul Forsberg reported pretty good codfish catches on this week's Cox's Ledge trips, with several fish in the twenty and thirty pound range on Thursday and Friday, and generally smaller fish on Saturday (although on of thirty-five pounds was caught). Because of the red hot early school tuna action, the **Viking Starship** will be fishing for tuna every Wednesday beginning this week. Trips are by reservation only, leaving at 3:00am with a thirty person limit and the fare is $75.00. Captain Paul related that bluefishing was a bit picky during the week, probably due to the unstable weather and daily thunderstorms. Day fishing is best on jigs, while fish are reacting well to bait at night. Fluking is excellent now, at the North Rips, with fewer shorts. On Sunday, Dennis O'Donnell and his friend teamed up for twenty-one fluke on the afternoon trip on the **Viking** fluke boat.

At **Captain's Cove Marina**, Joan Smith spoke of fluke and tuna. Fluke at Midway and the North Rips on marina based private craft, and tuna by the charter boat fleet. Captain Chuck Mallinson brought in a giant tuna of 452 pounds on Sunday on the charter boat **Joy-Sea**, with Joe Bisbano on the rod. Another giant tuna, 552 pounds was caught on the "Venture". Giants have been hooked up while chunking on both the east and west side of the Butterfish Hole. Most charter boats have been returning with yellowfin tuna. Captain Bruce Kieffer of the **Ebb Tide** reported seven yellowfin last Tuesday. Captain Fred on the **Misty** caught four the same day, while the "Christina" hooked up with a 198 pound mako on the fringes of the Butterfish Hole.

Since tuna action was so furious at the Butterfish Hole during the week, with many large fish hooked up and lost on light tackle, Captain Fritz Hubner of the **Mistress Too** decided to use heavy gear. The decision was a wise one, since he brought three giant tuna back to **Captain's Cove Marina** last week. On Tuesday, with Kenny on the rod, a group chartered by Stuart Fries landed a 350 pound giant tuna while anchored on the west bank of the Butterfish Hole. A 434 pound tuna was fought by Bob Denny on Thursday, while Saturday's fish, 550 pounds, was caught by Ray Wartman. The last two fish were baited on the east bank of the Butterfish Hole. Captain Hubner remarked that tuna were all over the place and biting, every day but Friday, with an extraordinary amount of white marlin in the area.

Aaron Fuchs, of **Star Island Yacht Club** related that many school tuna were brought in during last week, mostly yellowfin and bluefin, although Tom Lizza managed to hook up with a 300 pound mako shark on his boat "Violator". Jim Ruggles fished the Butterfish Hole on his "Dream Boat", returning with a 180 pound bluefin. Aaron remarked that the tuna bite was very early all week, repeated again in late afternoon, with the exception of Friday, when they didn't bite at all. On the canyon scene, the "Barbara Jack" caught twelve bigeye on a weekend trip. Inshore, Aaron suggests trying Shagwong for fluke, since very good catches were made there late last week.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** did very well early last week with both tuna and shark on his charters. Mr. and Mrs. Amice of Kingston, New York caught both yellowfin and brown shark on an early week trip. Since the action slowed on Friday and Saturday, anglers opted for bluefish on the way home, with a group on Saturday, headed by Scott Beach, enjoying a steady pick of blues to fourteen pounds at Cartwright. John Frescina and his friends of Bridgeport, called it an early day Sunday, after catching several yellowfin.

Captain Mike Bentevegna Junior, of the charter boat **Pronto**, encountered slow tuna fishing on Saturday, with Tom Meoli. Only one hookup was made on a trolled cedar plug. However the action picked up on Sunday, fishing with Ron Kesterbaum and his friends. Two eighty pound yellowfins were boated, plus a white marlin, sixty-three pounds, that took bait fed out at the Butterfish Hole. Captain Mike remarked on some of the catches at his marina. A 326 pound mako, caught on a very small boat "Platterpuss", a 327 pound bluefin caught by Steve Repka on the "Sea Rock", and the sad story of the fish that got away, a giant tuna hooked up by Ed Miller while on his twenty-three foot boat, on eighty pound test line. Apparently Miller fought the fish (and was towed by it) for thirteen and a half hours before it broke off. Ed did see the tuna, however, before the line broke, and will have something to dream on. We can only wonder how he would have brought it home if it had been gaffed!

Captain Mike Albronda stated that school tuna fishing was very good last week, with a slowdown on Friday and

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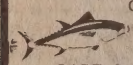

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Saturday, but picked up again Sunday. On Sunday a group headed by Phil Mansfield of Pennsylvania returned with seven yellowfin from ninety to 174 pounds. Unreported in last week's column was a catch of ten bluefin made by Roger Butler and his friends. Captain Mike remarked about the extraordinary amount of white marlin in the tuna slick, with many hook-ups by tuna fishermen. It was estimated that over ninety of the white marlin caught this year have been tempted by chunked baits. Since Friday's tuna action was slow, the **Montauk** anchored on Captain Mikes favorite wreck and plucked fifteen codfish, top weight twenty-two pounds from its midst.

Captain John DeMaio had fantastic tuna action all last week on the **Vivienne**, with an abrupt, but temporary slowdown on Friday. Last Tuesday, with a one man charter, four tuna were successfully boated, top weight 124 pounds and as many broken off. Wednesday's trip with John Brown and his friends returned with five tuna. On Sunday on a half day charter with one angler, tuna of ninety-five and eighty pounds were landed. A white marlin was hooked up for a while, but broke off near the boat. Captain John has a few open dates for full and half day charters for tuna and marlin, with emphasis on marlin since there are an unusual amount in the area at the present time. Call him for information.

Captain Jack Passie has put many yellowfin, bluefin and albacore into the fish box of the **Windy** the past week, both buy chunking at the Butterfish Hole or trolling Green Machines and other tuna lures south of the tuna fleet, with half of the hook-ups boated. Some catches include six yellowfin and bluefin by Chuck Gifford on Monday, four with Porter Hicks on Tuesday, yellowfin and bluefin chunked with Steve Blatt on Wednesday, then three albacore and a fourty pound marlin which will be mounted, trolled after leaving the tuna fleet. Another marlin was trolled with George Rovnack on Saturday, and bluefin tuna to 125 pounds on Sunday, with many breaking off.

Captain Jay Rigano of the charter boat **Lori-Jay** fished with Lucky "Mako" Mike on Friday. Mike has made three trips on the **Lori-Jay**, each time hooking up with a mako shark. Friday was no different, since after a half hour of chunking for tuna, a mako grabbed a bait, fought for 15 mins. jumping three times, before it broke off (wire leaders are not used for tuna). When it became apparent that the tuna were not biting, a short jigging trip on a close by wreck yielded a dozen big pollock. A couple of albacore and a 70 lb. yellowfin were then caught on trolled lures. On Saturday, on a trip to the Dumping Grounds with the Rigano crew: David, Lou, Jim and Al, 8 albacore, a bluefin and two 150 lb. yellowfins were boated. Two reels were completely stripped of line by unseen fish!

Captain Phil Lewis finally connected with a big mako last week on the **Adios**. Using a light Saber rod and 60 lb. test line, a 615 lb. mako was successfully fought for 2½ hrs. by Tom Grecco, Ray Priselli and Jamie Kerrigan. The following day, John Bzinski landed a 100 lb. mako. White marlin were caught on the weekend; one of 70 lbs. by Doug Stern on Saturday, another of 60 lbs. by John Yannakos. On Sunday the latter was released.

Selden resident Jim Algerio and friend Dennis trailered to Montauk on Thursday, finding fluke just under the Radar Tower. Total catch was 22 fluke all 3 to 4 lbs., with only half dozen shorts.

Henry Uihlein reported that Willie Ryder and C.J. Monaco fished the incoming tide at the North Rips on

Saturday for 26 fluke, six of the fish weighing between 4 and 6 lbs. Earlier last week Louis and Sal Marciano located a dozen fluke to 3 lbs. fishing at Gin Beach on a skiff rented from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**.

Captain Tom Federico who has moved his boat to the **Montauk Marine Basin** did better than most on Saturday, when the tuna bite was slow. Fishing with Capt. Tom, Mike Prunzo hooked up with a giant tuna, which was fought for 15 mins. before it broke off. The next pick up on the **Harbor Hooker III** was by a mako shark that took a tuna bait. The fish was gaffed after a brief battle, weighed 90 lbs. at the dock. Captain Tom has a few prime tuna dates open. Call him at (516) 725-3181 for information.

As we were going to press on Monday, we learned of another giant tuna caught at the Butterfish Hole, weighed at the **Montauk Marine Basin.** The 550 lb. tuna was caught on the "Nischa" with Capt. Chad Conklin. Ronnie DeLuca, fishing with Rob Weisz on the "Jay-Run" foght and landed a bluefish which weighed 12.23 lbs. on the **Marine Basin's** digital scale. The catch, made on 2 lb. test line will be submitted for an IGFA line class record in the Woman's Division.

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SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach reported on great porgy catches on the **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric II** over the weekend. On Friday, Manorville residents Rosemary Fedorco, Butch with his sons Michael and Chris, and Don Falkner filled buckets to overflowing with so many porgies, they released most under one pound in weight. Many fluke were also caught on porgy hooks, with Don winning the pool with a large fluke. Saturday's catch, doubles and triples of furious action saw Jamaica John with eighty-nine fish, while his two friends teamed up for 187. On Sunday, even though the fish were picky, double headers or nothing, with most of them lip hooked. George the postman had sixty-eight, while Pete Kaye and Bob El teamed for 130. All porgy fishing is in deep water off Gardiner's.

On the fluke scene, Captain Clark Bellows felt that the deep water fluke were not at all disturbed by the daily lightening storms, since plenty of fish were caught Tuesday and Wednesday, even with a wind against tide drift. Paul Waller of Cedarhurst, who won the pool with an eight pound fluke the previous week, was high hook with nine keepers on Tuesday's trip. Many fish were in the four and a half to five pound range. The **Wilhelric** is fluking in thirty to fourty feet of water off Gardiner's and Plum Islands.

Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** remarked that while porgy action was on the slow side during last week, action picked up considerably on the weekend, with one catch of four buckets of porgies, from small to one pound caught at Cedar Point by two anglers. Worms and clams were the bait of choice. One angler trying for weaks off the Monastary in Noyac was delightfully surprised to end up with three fluke that took his drifted squid. Bluefish are roaming throughout the Peconics and can be found at Noyac, and from the west end of South Ferry to Jessups Neck. Fluke are generally small at the Ruins at Gardiner's. Best bet according to Chris is Montauk waters, either Culloden or Shagwong. Snappers are keeping kids busy at the Long Wharf Pier, according to Noel at the marina. Youngsters Anthony and Pat Visone and their friends John Bertang and Billy Koch have been turning in over one-hundred snappers a day at **Bayview**. Chris intends to use these small snappers to catch large tuna!

Thom Speckenback claims that there has been no let up in offshore action, according to reports received at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. While many tuna and marlin are showing inshore, most catches have been made at the fourty fathom line trolling feathers, green machines and soft head lures, with bird teasers. On Saturday, Lee Berglund and his crew trolled twelve long fin albacore. Phil Gay and his crew caught five on Friday, seven Saturday. Inshore, fluke are reliable at the inlet, with bluefish. A few triggerfish have been caught from the jetties on bait. Thom remarked that since the waters have become clear, bluefish are pretty steady in the Peconics, particularly at Jessups. Porgy with blackfish were caught on the northeast side of Gardiner's, with Eastern Plains Point the best for blacks.

Joe Corr of **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** tried some sharking last Monday on his newly acquired "Galloping Ghost" with his teenagers Tracy and Buddy and Ruch McLune. Ruth pulled in a brown shark, but the teenagers combined their efforts on a mako that weighed 135 pounds, their first mako ever. Marina customers Larry LaVeglia and Tony Nastasi

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caught several albacore on their boat "Bad Influence" during the week. Joe and Dee Essenger first tried fluking at the inlet, putting two dozen fluke into the fish box, then trolled a few bonito just outside the inlet.

Captain Don Van DeWater sailed the charter boat **Dutch Treat** to the Butterfish Hole last Wednesday, wtih a charter arranged by Larry Arnst. An early bite resulted in six tuna boated.

A chat with Ted from **Three Aces Fishing Center** revealed that fluking is now excellent, with one third of them keepers. Plenty of bluefish are in and outside the inlet, with blackfish steady off the Shinnecock jetties. Offshore, plenty of marlin have been seen (but few caught) in 125 to 145 feet of water, with tuna of all kinds. While the Three Aces tournament is still under way as of this writing, a ninety-eight pound bigeye caught on the Captain Liver is leading, while a ninety-five and eighty-seven pound bigeye caught on the Hutch III are second and third. All fish were caught at the fourty fathom finger. Final results will be printed next week.

Al Flexer stopped by as we were going to print, and showed us his iced fluke caught this past weekend on **Al Feathers Jigs**. Al was fishing from shore, in Shinnecock Bay on the weekend, tallying up nineteen fluke on Friday, twenty-two on Saturday, thirty-five Sunday, plus a mess of stripers to six and seven pounds which were released.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke on the inshore grounds and tuna for the blue water set continued to set the pace in these waters. Very little change in the tuna fishing with some yellowfin being taken within sight of shore. Fluke remain very abundant though many of them fall short of the 14 inch minimum size limit. However, a fair number of 3 to 5 lb. fluke showed in catches this week, particularly in the Fire Island Inlet

area. Snappers are now well entrenched at all of their usual haunts and crabbers are enjoying a better than average summer as well.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Captain Dave of the **Alma Fleet** reported that fluke fishing remained very good with a better keeper ratio this week. Most trips saw 2 out of 5 fish above the 14 inch minimum with a nice showing of 2½ to 3½ lb. fish. Some fares this week managed between 10 to 15 keepers per trip. Fishing was being done between buoy 27 down to the east cut with some good catches made near the latter spot on the ebb tide. Dave relayed word that there's been a good showing of tuna close to Moriches Inlet. As evidence, the private boat Day I put away a 120 lb. yellowfin tuna just 5 miles from the Inlet on the weekend.

Gary Grunsich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches described fluking as excellent with lots of shorts but plenty of keepers. The fish aree well spread with some of the better spots the east and west cuts on the ebb tide and the flats between 39 and 41 and south of 29 best three hours before and after high water. Matt and John Viol put away 20 keeper fluke in a short time on Saturday before turning their attention to crabs. They finished with 40 nice blue claws. Gary added there are lots of nice size snappers around and he reminded that the 14 inch fluke size limit is being strictly enforced.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello spoke of real good action on the local docks with snappers now of a respectable size and some really good crabbing as well. Reports of good fluking coming both from Moriches and Great South Bays with several customers reporting better keeper ratios this week. Small blues have been in and out at the mouth of both inlets this week. A fine run of yellowfin tuna just 8 to 10 miles from both inlets has created quite a stir. On Friday, Bill Schiavo and crew put four yellowfin the 40 to 50 lb. range aboard his Nose Rider. On Saturday, Captain Barry Bernstein checked in an 80 lb. yellowfin taken aboard his Pussycat. The best action seems to be centered between 8 and 10 miles from the beach. Green Machines, Lil Smokers and red and white or green and yellow Jap feathers have been taking the majority of the fish. Several anglers reported better action using birds ahead of their lures.

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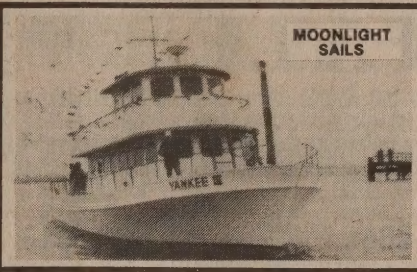

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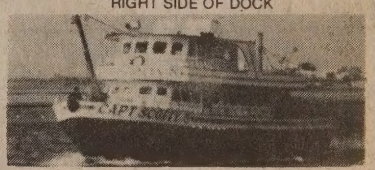

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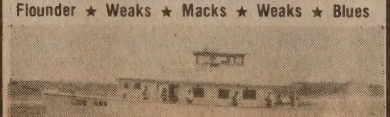

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in Oakdale reported that there has been some fine offshore action just a short run from Fl Inlet. Rick Torre and Billy Parmentier checked in on Saturday with a 40 lb. white marlin taken on Rick's Up Oars in 90 feet of water on Saturday. Rick Pokowitz and crew nailed a 125 lb. mako fishing in 125 feet of water south of the NA buoy. Trollers towing green machines in their wakes have been connecting with yellowfin tuna from 40 to 70 lbs. in 80 to 110 feet of water SE of the inlet. Bonito are also being taken from this area. Another good week for fluke fishermen at the inlet, CG station and west Channel. Some nice weakfish, to 12 lbs. being livelined between the superintendent's house and the old construction dock in Fl inlet. A lot of 3 to 5 lb. weakfish have turned up at buoy 17-range channel and off of Heckscher. One customer used a small single hook diamond jig and squid strips to take 25 of the summer run weakies. Plenty of snappers from Sayville to Great River and very good crabbing locally with some real big blue claws being reported. Lots of 8 to 14 inch stripers being reported by youngsters fishing in the tidal reaches of the Connetquot River.

Over at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in East Islip, Jim Romano reported that fluke action remains strong particularly towards the inlet where Phil Kornely and his daughter Maryann put away 15 keepers aboard their Seesaw on Sunday. They used killies on incoming water and included in the catch were two fluke over 4 lbs. and one over 5. Several customers also reported good fluke scores between the lighthouse and the CG station. A lot of small bluefish have been obliging casters working the Democrat Point side of the inlet. Thursday was especially productive. Jim told of hearing from a number of offshore anglers that they had taken tuna inside of the 100 foot mark over the course of this past week. Steve Ruscio checked in with a 75 lb. yellowfin taken in the vicinity of San Diego. The local docks are alive with snappers and crabs.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore heard via the grapevine of 4 or 5 blue marlin taken at the Canyons this week. He also

BAYSHORE

Lynn Turner broke in her new custom surf rod with this hefty 12 lb. weakfish. The big tide-runner grabbed a bunker chunk at Robert Moses back on July 7th.

knew that Pete Martin nailed down top spot in the Captain Bill's Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tourney held over the weekend with a 79 lb. bluefin tuna. In the bigeye division, local skipper Captain Floyd Collins, handling the controls of William Entemann's Christina put a 183 lb. bigeye in the boat—good for second place. Carl knew that one boat accounted for a pair of blue marlin in the tournament and that the winning fish was over 500 lbs. Many of the tuna taken in the tournament were taken at night by chunkers. Much closer to home, there has been a very good showing of yellowfin tuna averaging 40 to 50 lbs. from the NA buoy east in 80 to 110 feet of water. Fluke fishing remains good at the inlet and bluefish were trolled by one customer working south of the lighthouse on Sunday. The fish which ranged from 6 to 8 lbs. were taken on umbrella rigs. Crabbing and snapper fishing both in full swing on local docks.

Noel Kauppauf of **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported plenty of fluke with all of the boats reporting very good action. As evidence of just how good the fishing can be, Noel related the experience of his friends Ray and Augie Reinhart. Aboard the **Captain Leitch** on Friday, Ray put away 28 keepers while his wife managed 10. A 10½ lb. fluke was weighed in on Sunday by a private boat angler. Unfortunately, in all of the confusion no one got the angler's name. The big doormat was taken at the inlet. Small snappers as well as some fluke being caught from the Fisherman's Wharf. A reminder from Noel that the size limit for fluke is 14 inches and it is being strictly enforced.

Captain Joe DiLiberto of the Captree charter boat **Prime Time** reported a super weekend of fluking with lots of fish taken on both days. The larger fish seem to be concentrated near the Coast Guard Station but the fish are well spread from the lighthouse to the inlet.

Captain Ed Lasky of the Captree charter boat **Dixie** labeled the fluking as super from the lighthouse to the inlet. Many many shorts but lots of keepers as well. Flood tide remains the best but fish are now being taken through both tides. Ed asked that we notify readers that due to a last minute cancellation,he has Sunday, August 10th available for charter. See his ad for phone number and other info.

On a sad note The Fisherman staff was notified that Captain Fred Droge, long time skipper of the **Reward** passed away on Friday. The veteran skipper was the senior captain on the Captree docks and had been fishing out of Captree since it first opened as a fishing port. Fred had accumulated a wealth of knowledge of Great South Bay and a deep respect for his fishing prowess by all who knew him. He will be sorely missed.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** said that fluking remained real good this week with an improvement in the ratio of keepers to shorts of 1:3. In addition, some nice fish are mixing into the cat catches. Sunday's trip saw a 4½ lber.

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Charles Koehler, of Central Islip, created quite a stir when he landed this beautiful 9.14 lb. weakfish from the dock at Bay Shore Marina. The tiderunner grabbed a squid strip at mid-afternoon on 6-7. It was weighed at Erin's Bait and Tackle/ Marina in Bay Shore.

take the pool while Neil's Dad Warren decked a 4 lber. Neil has been concentrating his efforts near West Island, Coast Guard Station and the lighthouse. Both spearing and smelt have worked well in the bait department and the last two hours of the flood and first two hours of the ebb continue to provide best action but fish are being taken through both tides.

Fisherman staffer John Raguso relayed word to readers that the wrecks of the Yankee, Linda, Hylton Castle and San Diego have all been th scene of some fine yellowfin tuna action this past week. Heaviest concentrations of tuna have been in the 90 to 110 foot depths. Since Thursday, yellowfin tuna ranging from 30 to 80 lbs. and averaging 40 to 50 lbs. have been trolled on green and yellow feathers and Green Machines. John reported that Tom Vezo christened his boat Impressions with its first tuna catch on Sunday. John said they boated a pair of yellowfin in the 50 lb. range. He told of another boat that used diamond jigs to take 6 yellowfins between 60 and 83 lbs. fishing just 6 miles from the beach on Sunday.

The big word this week is tuna, according to Tom Healy at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon. Yellowfin tuna averaging 40 to 50 lbs., but including a couple pushing the 100 lb. mark were trolled and jigged in 75 to

100 feet of water late last week and over the weekend. The waters in the vicinity of the San Diego were particularly productive on the weekend. Jack Uhland put Paul Schwartz on a 40 lb.yellowfin in 90 feet of water on Saturday aboard Jen Jac. Al Lorenzetti put away several of the yellowfins including a 80 lber. taken aboard his Skimmer on Saturday in just 75 feet of water. Tom added tha the My Mary boated a couple of yfs on Saturday while the Mako My Day decked 3 yellowfins and was back at the dock by noon. The BCA charter boat **Tork I** reported tagging and releasing a 150 lb. brown shark for the Dave Dodge party. Fluking remains good at the Sore Thumb and along the Cedar Bar despite the ebb tide this past week. Some also in the state channel on outgoing water. This week's flood tide should see fluke fishing continue in fine shape. Still some small flounder at the Sore Thumb but few people are paying attention as a result of the good fluking and tuna being taken within sight of the beach in some cases. Snappers now of catchable size and plenty of them along with crabs at the local docks. A reminder that the Babylon Tuna Club snapper derby is slated for August 23, from 9Am to 11PM for children 12 and under. There will be many prizes and refreshments will be served according to Co-chairman Tom Gilley.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reports very good fluking from the RM bridge to the inlet. Most days see 8 to 10 keepers per man while some of the better scores see 15 keepers. Both tides are now producing fish though the last of the flood is still tops. Plenty of action thanks to lots of shorts and a good number of keepers.

Speaking from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported on a 220 lb. bigeye tuna for Tony C and his crew aboard Mr. C. The big tuna was taken at the canyon where the anglers also had an 80W stripped

Rose Marsala beached this fine 3 lb. fluke at the Cedar Bar, inside Fire Island Inlet, on a squid strip. Subscriber photo.

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clean. Inshore, weakfish from 8 to 12 lbs. being taken on live bunker or live snappers at the WR buoy, construction dock and the sore thumb. Fluking remains good wit the best scores being from the bridge to the inlet on the last half of the flood tide. Tide conditions are ideal this week. A mixed bag in the Sore Thumb pocket where boatmen using bloodworms are taking flounder, blowfish and king fish. Plenty of snappers and crabs from all the local dock.

Speaking from his **Charlie's Bait and Tackle Shop** in Lindenhurst, Jimmy Schaefer reported on solme hot yellowfin tuna action in 90 to 120 ft. of water SE of Fl Inlet. Several customers reported tuna even closer than the 90 foot depths. The fish ranged from 30 to 80 lbs. and average between 40 and 50. Most are being trolled on Green Machines and Jap feathers, but some are being jigged while others are being taken on chunk bait. Fluke fishing continues to draw plenty of attention with best action between the RMbridge and the inlet. Fish were taken on the ebb tide this week as well as the flood. Freddie Fuessel had a catch of 10 keepers topped of by a 4lb. flattie. He fished west of the RM bridge. Eight year old Frank Chilar was swimming a killie in hopes of a fluke when an 11 lb. weakfish gobbled the offering. The youngster waS aboard John Lemmon's Mermaid on Thursday. Still some flounder in the Sore Thumb pocket on blood worms and clam chum and lots of snappers at the local docks.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague Ralph Angelillo reported plenty of offshore activity on the weekend. Good tuna and shark action just a short ride from the inlet has attracted plenty of attention. On Saturday Mike Giarraputo saw his crew take 6 bbrown sharks and one small mako. Another member Jeff Buta connected with a 68 lb. YF tuna. Also on Saturday, Bill Biscardi ran his Hi Hook to 120 feet of water where he put away 4 yellowfins from 40 to 60 lbs. and told of seeing lots of white marlin which he was unable to do anything with. One of the better in shore tuna scores was made on Sunday by Phil Gandiosi and son Steve and Frank aboard Gramps Crew. Trolling green and white, red and white and white feathers in 90 feet of water near the remains of the San Diego, trio managed to hang on to 8 yellowfin tuna from 50 to 60 lbs. Of the fluking Peter Heeber put away 7 keepers at the CG Station on Friday, including a 5 lber. On Thursday, Bob Carmen and young Louis Lofano accounted for 8 keepers at the CG station. The youngster had the biggest, a 5.5 lber. Still some flounder at the Thumb and local youngsters are having a ball with snappers.

Speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor Bob Rose reported that the Rainbow Mist clicked with a 51 lb. yellowfin taken in 100 ft. of water SE of the inlet on

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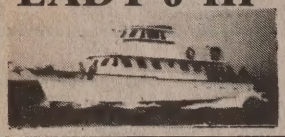

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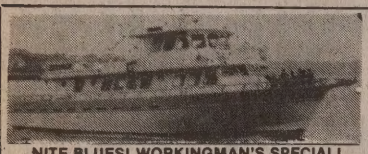

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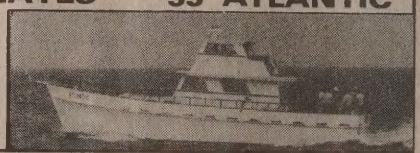

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Saturday. Ed Unkel's Tin Man worked the same area on Saturdy and took a 67 lb. yellowfin while chunking. They returned on Sunday and used butterfish to take 3 more in the 70 to 80 lb. class. Barry Mack reported a 100 lb. class mako aboard his Cathy's Too. Inside the bay, Steve Petry has been scoring with an average of half dozen weaks a day aboardh ia AnnG. the fish range from 6 to 7 lbs. and are being taken on 007 jigs in FI Inlet. Fluking remains very good, as demonstrated by Fred Walters and Ken Roblin aboard the Reel Affair on Saturday. Drifting from the RM bridge to the inlet the pair accounted for 28 keepers. Snappers are bigger and there are plenty of them and crabbing is very good also. Bob Schneider used a scoop net to take 77 big blue claws on the Amity flats during the day.

Dan Dean of **D&D Tackle** in Amityville looked over a 75 lb. white marlin taken by Charles Cook on Sunday. Mike DiBattista had a 162 lb. hammerhead shark. Very good tuna fishing 8 to 10 SE of the inlet with most of the fish being yellowfins in the 40 to 70 lb. class. The fish are being trolled on Green Machines, soft heads and Psycho Squids. Some anglers reported jigging them on A27 jigs. Fluking remains very good locally. On Sat., Peter Mueller put away 40 keeers to 5½ lbs. in the vicinity of the Wantagh bridge. He had 35 on Thursday in the same area. He has been using spearing and squid combos.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale reported yellowfin tuna and bonito 6 to 12 miles SE of FI Inlet. Most of the ywllowfin range 40 and 70 lbs. and are being taken on Green Machines and black and silver Hex heads. Aboard his boat Cokkie Monster on Saturday, Frank watched his son Richard put away a 54 lb. YF. Another tuna of 47 lbs. was also decked. Inside the bay, fluking remains good from the bridge to the inlet and the local canals are well supplied with snappers.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

With the area being hit this past week with some unsettled weather including some downpours, the fishing lost some of its consistency, but was nevertheless very good both inshore, inside and offshore. Fluking held steady with an improved keeper ratio. Day bluefishing held strong but the night fishing became erratic. Sand porgies and snappers have settled in strong and there's been a big

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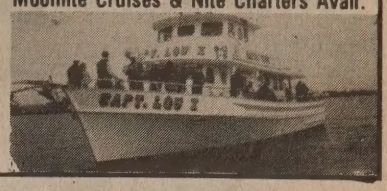

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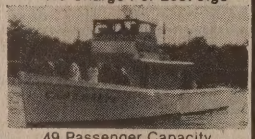

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WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh of Rich Wenzel and Russ Smith fishing Jones Inlet Friday taking 33 keepers to 4 lbs. out of 75 fish on incoming tide using smelts. Joe Lorenz bagged 13 flounder to 1¾ lbs. at Black Banks. Mike said the fluking was fantastic in Jones Inlet on the weekend with a lot higher keeper ratio on smelts and spearing. Some weaks in the state channel on sand worms and live bunker.

At **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore, Scott tells us that most of the tuna action he heard about during the week was in the Linda wreck area. Lots of yellowfin tuna and white marlin offshore, he said with blues being trolled in 40 to 60 feet of water on umbrellas off the local beaches.

Over in Freeport, Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** advised that the inshore fluke keeper ratio took an upswing this week. The Meadowbrook Bridge area was hot for those fishing killies, squid, spearing and sand eels. Fred Bosch had 32 keepers while 61 keepers was the body count in the same area for Vic Pastor and Barney Palmeri on their boat Litte Green H. Tuna from the NA buoy to the Patchogue grounds for trollers and chummers. Shark and tuna in 100 feet of water in the Yankee wreck area on bait nd chum. Weakfish at the Big W on live snappers or sand worms. Also in Zachs Bay. Released, says Ron, were two stripers in the 30 and 40 lb. range caught at the Big M area on live eels while flounder remain a good item in the deep holes off the Short Beach CG station and at the Big M.

We hear from Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** that day bluefishng was excellent right through Sunday with consistency the name of the game and high hooks in the 50s. The 17 fathom area has been the scene of most of the action. Friday's night activity was good but Saturday night things took a slide. Sunday's day trip bounced back strong again with most people having 20 to 25 fish in the 2 to 6 lb. range. Richie says the fishing is an hour and 45 mins. from the dock.

A call from Capt. Pat of the charter boats **Lady J III and IV** tells of good to very good bluefish action all week at Seabright SW of 17. Pat says the night action has been only fair. It's been jigs days, bait nights with fish running 2 to 3 lbs. with those fishing hard catching more. On the fluke trips sailed there were plenty of throwbacks but a decent number of keepers as well. Fluking was in Reynolds where there were also some sea robins and small sea bass. Trips this week were for: American Airlines, City Corp. Investment Bank, Olympic Plumbers, American Lodge Sonf of Italy, Franklin Sq., Duffy group from upstate, Davis Electronics, BB&M, NYC, Steve Kuse, Jamaica Water Supply.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** charter boats told of the bluefishing and fluking done this week with the fluking noticeably improved. Blues were fished along the beach to the west, running to 4 lbs. days and larger at night. Ted Sakuma of US Lines had 33 blues, Howie Nagininski had 23, Phil Cappola and Ken Nazininski also had pool winners this week. Linda Goldszak was happy with her 33 fish. On the fluke trips which were done locally there were large numbers of fish taken with most of course still infants. On one trip Roy Kohn was pool winner with a 4½ lber. Al Lubin of Modell's was high hook with 25 keepers. Larry Callico bagged a 3½ lber. while Joe Jopus caught in the 20 -- keepers that is.

Word from the **Captain Lou Fleet** is that they are discontinuing their 4:30 PM flounder trips and concentrating solely on fluke. Aboard the full day boat, fluke high hooks have been in the high teens for keepers with plenty of throwbacks. On the half-day boat catches are also very good with high hooks in the low teens. This week the AM trips produced best. Young Kim walked away with the grand prize in the flounder derby, $855. Capt. Mike wishes to thank for the donation of tackle prizes to other winners, Hook, Line and Sinker B&T, Causeway B&T and Sea Isles Sports.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** also comes word of good inlet fluking for the **Super Spray II** which on Saturday's PM trip saw a 6 lb. 11 oz. fluke caught by Ted Stahura of Minneapolis, MN. The Association charter boats have also been cashing in on the fluke as well as the blues with the blues taking a downturn Saturday and Sunday. The Mirage had good tuna fishing this week from the tower a little due south. The water has gotten warm and lots of tuna and shark have moved in close. Lots of life out there.

In nearby Point Lookout we learn from the **Miss Point Lookout II** that their fares had a good fluke week working the bay and inlet with the ebb best. Wednesday was an excellent day with 12 fares taking over 50 keepers. Eric Olsen had 11 keepers on the AM trip. Both of Friday's trips saw good results also. Casey and Jody Speck had 3 fluke over 3 lbs. High hooks were 9 and 10 keepers respectively for those two days. A lot better keeper ratio this week, Said Ron. Sunday's AM pool went to Harry Gaeger with a 4 lber. while on the PM Dan Kramer took pool money wiht a 4½ lb. fluke. Night blues have been sporadic. Being married this week are Robert and Carol Zatorski who met on the Miss Point Lookout exactly 3 years ago.

Bluefishing has been just fantastic says Al Lindroth, skipper of the **Captain Al**, although the night trips have been quieter. All the day high hooks have been in the 40s and 50s on each day trip sailed. It's been a case of catching all the fish you want, 2 to 4 lbs., with some big bonito mixed in. Al said the boat had over 30,000 fish

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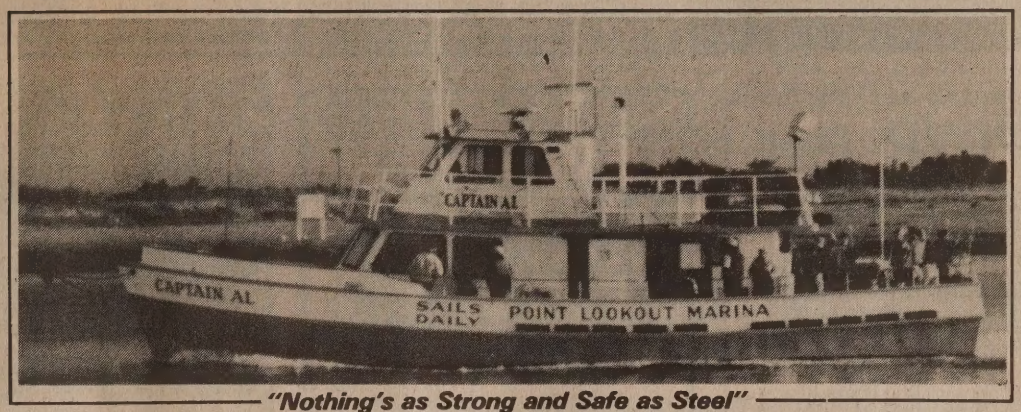

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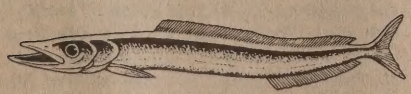

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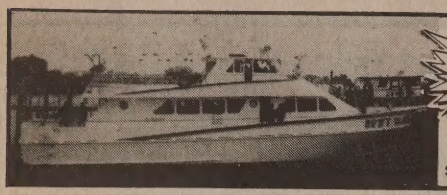

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The Island Park based **Commodore** tells of a super fluke weekend in the bay. With the keeper ratio really improved. On Saturday John Glaser had 19 keepers. Don Cohnson had 17 keepers while Rich Reinhardt had 15 keepers. Customers picked all day. On Sunday John Trost was happy with 16 keepers. Fares averaged 8 to 10 keepers a man . During the week the poor weather and conditions made each days catch unpredictable. Best catches have been on spearing or strips.

Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** spoke of the excellent fluking in Reynolds with a higher keeper ratio this week, though still a lot of throw-backs. Hottest area from buoy 7 in front of the marina to buoy 5. Spearing and smelt were the hot baits. Live liners and trollers at the ABB have been taking weaks, blues and bass. Pat Kinnery bagged a 14 lb. weak Sunday on bunker in the morning darkness. Tinker mackerel and snappers in abundance. Magnolia Blvd. Pier this week produced good catches of fluke and also a couple of big weakfish at night.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook tells of Nick and Elaine Dolzani of Elmont fishing Saturday in the late afternoon in Jones Inlet fishing live snappers 3 feet off the bottom and Elaine bagging an 8 lb. fluke and Nick and 6¾ lb. fluke. They also dropped an estimated 11 lber. at the boat. In general, local fluking resulted in large numbers of fish with about a 10 percent keeper ratio. It seems that the larger fluke were caught on large sand eel-squid combos or big strip baits. Snappers are in full force though small and the blue claws have been fair.

Over in Franklin Square, **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** told of Nick Polis Henry Vetter and John Isaccson getting into weakfish at the Big W using live bunker and also chunks with the two biggest weeks running 11¾ and 11¼ lbs., taken on outgoing on Thursday early AM in the dark. Fluke plentiful in Reynolds with a higher keeper ratio. Snappers off all the docks. Blues being taken in traps and nets off East Rockaway and Lawrence.

Late but certainly worthy of mention was the catch two weeks ago of a 340 lb. blue marlin aboard the private boat Spare Change. Captain Harold Eldrich along with crew members Joe Masone, Emil Spina, Ben Schulman, Charlie Robb and Jerry Gorman assisted angler Phillip Leonardi in taking the big billfish at the Hudson Canyon. Taken on a Yap lure, the blue was weighed at Hudson Point Marina in Freeport. All of the crew are members of the Tournament Anglers club.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Artie at **Cross Bay B&T** told us that off both north and south channel bridges, fluking has been very good this week with killies working best. Lots of hand sized porgies on bloods or sands on any moving tide.

Snappers hitting spearing two hours on either side of the high slack. Bay blues all over the place on chunks or 3/4 oz. tins. Blue claws a good item.

Out of Sheepshead Bay, Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. IV** says that bluefishing daytime this week has been fabulous on fish 2 to 3 lbs., which seafood lovers know are the best eating size. Consistency has been fantastic said Al. Lots of bonito mixed in and a few weakfish. This week's night trips however have been hot and cold.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** spoke of very good fluking this week in the lower bay and off the Jersey coast. Over the weekend high hooks on keeper fluke have been in the 35s and 40s with fish running 1 to 3 lbs. and he said it was nearly as good during the week also.

Word from **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** just east of the fleet is that the bluefishing seemed to slow for a few days during the week but has bounced back to its prior great form off the Jersey coast, Tin Can and Norton's Pt., along with the marine parkway bridge. Lots of snappers and porgies around. Fluking action took a noticeable spurt upwards off Riis Park an inside Jamaica Bay where an 8 lber. was taken at midweek.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Humid weather and frequent thunderstorms made the week a dicey one as far as fishing crowds went. Nevertheless, bluefish continued to be the main attraction, and there was a good representation by the other summer species, summer flounder and scup, as well.

WESTERN SOUND

"There are bluefish all over the place", said John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle**. There was no special time of day, but fish from three to fifteen pounds were taken on chunks and by trolling or jigging just below Rye. Scup were all over, as well, with some decent fish to a pound or more. Summer flounder were "showing in the weirdest places" with good fluking at times at Harts, New Rochelle Harbor and Steppingstone Lighthouse.

Jack's Bait reported tons of porgies, flounder, blues and fluke. Some of the porgies were close by, for example, around Harts, Orchard Beach, Prospect and Sands Point. Artie Leavy had a 4.8 pound fluke

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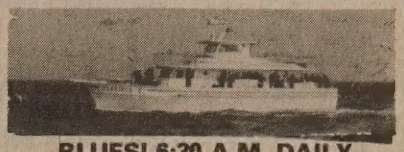

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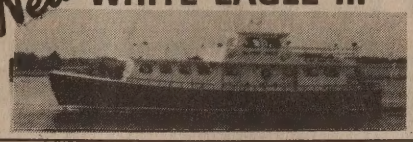

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from Prospect Point and there were a few big blues to eighteen pounds for those who challenged the slammers with bunker or surge tubes.

The **Bayside** based **Young America** had good shots of bluefish this past weekend. Their primary efforts, however, were on the excellent porgy fishing which was had between Mattinecock Point and Oyster Bay.

"Those crazy bluefish are everywhere", said John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, after weighing fish over fifteen pounds all week. Scott Kormoski had the largest of the season, a 19.15 slammer. The best action was on bunker in the evenings, but trolling plugs or wirelining in the harbors was also effective. On Thursday and Friday a school of choppers surfaced off the breakwater after 1:00pm and set off a melee. Glen Cove is an official registration station for the WICC bluefish contest. Cacciola noted that diehards are still taking fluke, like the 7.8 weighed just before the weekend.

The Pearsons have a new boat up in New Rochelle, the **Klondike Princess**, a 110 footer, for large charters, corporate cruises, and weddings. Meanwhile, the **Klondike VIII** has been sailing short range for "all the bluefish you need" with most of the fish in the five to ten pound range. Some drifts are picky but other drifts are torrid. The bunkers sometimes pull the fish right into New Rochelle Harbor, too.

Carl Giangrande will be sailing the sixty-five foot **Reliable** from the Worlds Fair grounds in Flushing, starting on the weekend of the 22nd of August. The open boat will also be available for moonlight sailing, complete with buffet dinners.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

The Collins clan did some hefty bluefishing of late when Packy came down from Mahopac for a visit. We shared gossip with him at **Four Winds** on Sunday. George Valentine reported good fluking off the river mouth and at Sand City. There were "usually enough keepers to get by". Lloyds Harbor had some nice fish too. The best fluke of the week was Mike Forresti's 9.12, taken Friday morning on a spearing-and-squid combination. If you wanted blues, it was merely a question of waiting for the tide with fish to six pounds off the river mouth and fish to eight in the triangle. Trolling big plugs or bunker spoons could produce slammers to fifteen pounds in Huntington Harbor at times while an occasional large blue was jigged in mid-sound off buoys 24c and 32a. Valentine termed the porgy fishing "excellent" off Lloyds and buoy 15 as well as in Northport Bay and off Sand City. Sand city and Centerport were also playing host to a number of large weakfish for those

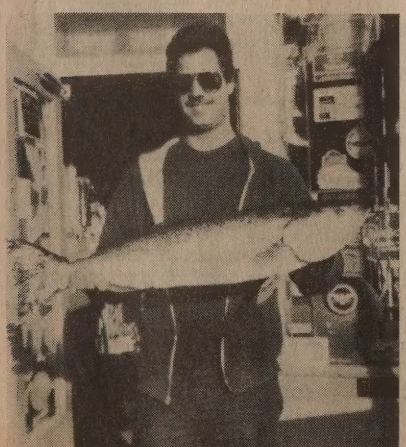
fishing high-hook worms. Most of the traditional spots around the OB and Buoy 13 had bass in the teens and twenties for the diamond jig fans.

Mel and Ilene Flieschmann saw hot and cold results for their patrons during the week with some porgy and bluefish action from Marshall Field to Makamha. Kevin Rae had the fish of the week, a fourty-two inch bass which he took from Centerport Harbor on bunker at 12:30am Monday morning. Kevin came all the way from Burlington, Vermont and released his trophy.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** figured that there were a lot of small porgies in the catches but that some fish to one and a half pounds were still mixed in. Carl Tranchino from Staten Island pulled a 6.0 summer flounder from a drift in the harbor, and the fluking was also good at the Pink House and off Cedar Beach. Some days saw as many as twelve keepers per boat. Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** in **Miller Place** saw a catch of fourty-five fluke (total) off Buoy 9 among the "wall-to-wall" bluefish that some of his patrons found.

The North Shore Anglers will hold its Seventh Annual Bluefish Tournament beginning 6pm August 15th, ending 6pm August 17th, with a $500 cash prize awarded for the largest bluefish caught in Long Island waters. Other cash prizes will be awarded for second, and third place fish, as well as for heaviest weakfish. A Junior division (age fourteen and under) is included for special cash and tackle prizes. Entries can be obtained at **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson**. Call HR3-2288 (Caraftis) or Jerry at 928-4389 before 9pm, for further information.

It was "bluefish, bluefish, bluefish" again for the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Plenty of small blues in close to the beaches mornings and evenings with lures in three quarter to



East End Surf Club member, Don Meola, beached this 13 lb. tiderunner from the Smithtown Bay shore. Don checked the big yellowfin in at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

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one and a half ounce sizes the logical choices. Pencil and chrome poppers were best. There are bunker off Cedar Beach for snagging, and rumor has it that crabs should produce tautog off the Shoreham Pipeline. You cannot get a soft bait through the bergalls there. Deeper waters held more keeper fluke.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** called to tell us about hauls of fifty or more bluefish made by two of his weekend parties while diamond jigging. Rick Lundberg's party of four had choppers to eight pounds and a ten pound bass on Saturday, while Dom Goodman's group of three had blues to twelve pounds and released a similar linesider. "Good fishing" would appear to be an understatement for the diamond jigging situation.

NORTH FORK

Willie at **Warren's** felt that "the weather is crazy and so is the fishing on the sound!" There were some pockets of porgies off the Firing Range and the motel, but you hit them one day and missed them the next. Willie saw a catch that included tautog to 10 lbs. and a bucket of porgies at the **Mattituck Fishing Station.** It might be a good idea to try chunking at Hortons now, but most patrons are banging at a sure thing, the blues off buoy 5.

Phil Loria saw a pick up in the action on porgies at **Captain Marty's** where catches of 30 to 40 scup per day were typical for each boat. Loria had a total of 21 skiffs out last weekend. On Saturday Bob Santiago filled a cooler with scup to 1½ lbs. off the Middle Grounds and buoys 26 and 28 were also productive. There were weaks to 5 lbs. at the station on both days of the weekend.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** felt

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that the blues at Jessups had now moved west of South Ferry to Noyac Bay and Northwest Harbor. Tony Lo-Perfido's **Fishalot** had some decent fluke off Orient, too.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** had an excellent report. Porgy fishing was "better than ever" for the **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X**. Though there were no humpbacks yet. Rod DeLisle had a catch for Walt Ruskowitz' party on the **Prowler** on Saturday that included 12 blues, a 10.3 weakfish and 31 fluke between 15 and 18 inches. On Friday, Phil Markos and Harold Laub had 21 blues and 8 weaks to 10 lbs. in the Gut. John Scanlan's **Tuna** also had a load of porgies, fluke and blowfish from the Gardiners zone.

Larry Porter of the **Brand X** detailed the fine porgy fishing for mediums in 30 to 50 feet of water. Using 5 to 6 ounces of the lead was the rule. One of the best catches of the period was that of Ruth McGrath who produced more than 50 scup, but there were tautog, flounder, sea bass and fluke to 5 lbs. distributed among the porgies aboard the boat on most days, too.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** said that he and his crew were "loading up everyday on bluefish" in the 4 to 8 lb. range with an occasion chopper to 12. There were a couple of weakfish and a couple of bass taken last week as well. Eight ounces of diamond jig are the norm, and the Nancy Ann continues to sail in the evenings on Thursday, Friday and

Surf regular, Pete Giacalone, shows a fine weak caught on a plug in Fire Island Inlet. Subscriber photo.

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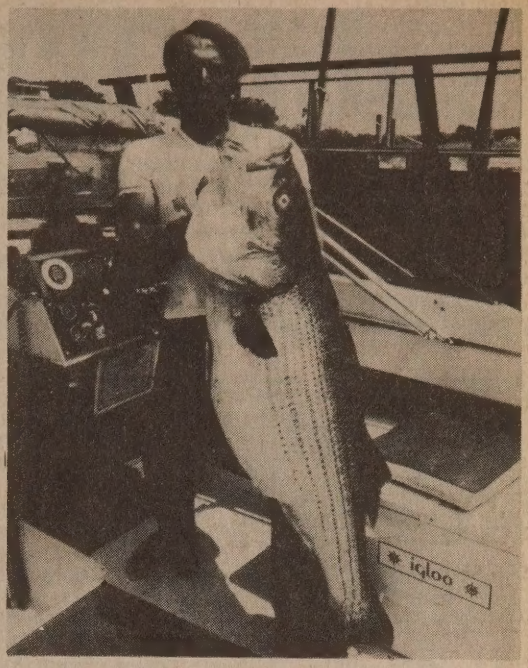

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DOLPHIN	30	40
FLOUNDER (WINTER)	3	4
FLUKE	10	12
MARLIN (BLUE)	500	800
POLLOCK	35	38
PORGY (Scup)	4	5
SHARK (Blue)	300	350
SHARK (Mako)	400	500
SHARK (White)	500	800
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SWORDFISH	300	450
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TUNA (Bluefin)	600	800
WEAKFISH	12	14

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Saturday as an open boat for diamond jigging fans.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** saw a lot of shorts with few keepers on Saturday in the deep water off Gull Island, but Sunday brought a stunning improvement with larger fluke near home. Ciccotto was forced to stay close due to the eerie weather and the results were surprising. There was one 6 lber., two 5s and a couple of 4s. All 18 fares seemed to have 3 to 6 quality keepers per person.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

South Shore Inlets continue to produce a steady pick of bass and weakfish. Small bluefish dominate north shore action although there are some bass being taken on night tide and some big blues falling to chunk bait after dark. Angler effort is way down as a result of the season and in the opinion of some, the striper ban. Here's what little info we were able to round up.

Out at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, Johnny reported that much of the week was unfishable as a result of heavy storms and accompanying rains. Heavy runoff and strong winds during the storms combine to create a dirty unfishable surf.

Working up the island, Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** iin Patchogue reported that Ozzie VanHelmond is back in the swing of things. he accounted for bass of 12 and 14 lbs. along with a 8½ lb. weakfish during the middle of last week. He has been working Moriches Inlet of late.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, Al Colban relayed word of 3 bass to 15 lbs. taken Sunday AM by Mike Salla. Mike used tin to take the fish from a local sand beach.

Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh spoke of a "Bunch of bass being taken at West End Jones Beach on swimming plugs." He also knew of weakfish being picked in both Fire Island and Jones Inlets on bunker. Some nice blues fallinjg to bunker chunks at night and in early AM at the Cedar Bar.

From **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** , Stan Hentschel spoke of lots of small blues between 1 and 2 lbs. along local beaches mornings and evenings. Small tins and poppers both work on these fish. After dark, some bigger blues on bait at all of the points and a few bass being picked as well on swimming plugs and droppers.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

While the weatherman may have disappointed beachgoers throughout most of the last week, the heavy cloud cover and occasional rain spats seem to be just what the doctor ordered to get freshwater fishing back in stride. The combination of cool rain and overcast skies lowered the water temperatures ever so slightly but it proved enough to put largemouth bass, trout and sunfish into a very cooperative mood. In some instances, bass fishing was so good that fish were actually jumping into the boat! Although some bass were taken during daylight hours this week, best action is still at dawn or after dark.

From **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in Floral Park, Fred Mello reports that with most of the local kids fishing for snappers, freshwater action in his area has been a little slow. Out east, however, fishing is red hot. As evidence, Fred offered Sunday morning's catch of 50 white perch made by Bill and Al Foley on Forge Pond. Not satisfied with this action, the pair stopped at an undisclosed lake on the way home and at midday limited out on largemouths. Fred said he weighed the stringer of bass for Bill and Al and the total came to 18¾ lbs. All of the bass were taken on spinnerbaits.

At **Beckman's Bait and Tackle**, Lynbrook, Charlie reports fair bassing at Hempstead Lake around sunrise. The local kids are still doing well with 1-2 lb. bass at Grant Park. Use red wigglers or night crawlers. Over in Doxee Pond, some excellent carp fishing has been taking place with anglers connecting with fish to 15 lbs. Corn or dough baits are the ticket here.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike Nicoletti informs us that while there haven't been any large fish checked in over the past several days, action with 10 to 14 inch bass has been very good at South Twin Lake. Anglers here are working Hula Poppers and Jitterbugs at dusk and consistently scoring with 10 or more fish. Most are being released.

A slow week on the freshwater side in the Lindenhurst area according to Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. The only news of note is good carp fishing in local ponds with fish to 15 lbs. taken on corn niblets.

The heavy cloud cover and rain over the past week really pumped some life into Lake Ronkonkoma according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. Over the last few days anglers have checked in some very respectable fish including a 21 inch, 5 lber., taken on a rubber worm worked from the bank by Don Daring of Ronkonkoma and a 6 lb. bass taken by Pete (Sam) Nortensen. Working at night proved successful for Rich Hermann who over two days scored with 17 bass between 2-5 lbs. Rich found Jitterbugs and Weed Walkers to be the hot item. Lastly, Charlie Ward checked in with a 4 lb. largemouth and a small rock bass. His fish were taken by live lining during morning hours.

Bass fishing has improved over the last few days according to Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle**, Patchogue. A lot of guys have been hitting fish out east and in the Patchogue Mill Pond. Paul told us he checked out a 7 lb. bass brought in by Pat Falice, Steve Kress, Ralph Sorrentino and Darrel Walker. This fish was taken the easy way—believe it or not, Paul tells us that the foursome were fishing on Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond when they startled the fish while rowing through some weeds. The huge bass shot up out of the water and landed with a thud in the bottom of the boat! Can you beat that?

Over at the **Sportsman's Center**, Medford, Al Schreier reports that fishing has been pretty good with a lot of small bass, perch and sunfish taking worms baits at Artist Lake and the Yaphank Lakes. Anglers, however, report low water and high weeds are making fishing in Artist Lake more and more difficult each day.

Out at the **Fisherman's Deli**, Riverhead, Mrs. Devlin tells us that small bass are everywhere but few large fish have been checked in recently. White perch fishing is red hot in Forge Pond and anglers are also taking some pumpkinseeds and yellow perch. Forge Pond doesn't seem as weedy as usual this season and anglers are taking advantage of this to work small Rebels and other lures aside from plastic worms. Mrs. Devlin added that there are hundreds of very small bass around and it looks as though a strong spawn occurred over the early part of the season.

Turning our attention upstate, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport**, Hunter Mountain, reports the local lakes and streams are swollen and dirty from daily downpours. As a result, not many trout were taken. On fish of note was weighed in over the past week, a 2.5 lb. smallmouth that came from the Scholarie Reservoir and was checked in by Ellen Bliss of Ashland.

Due to the many fronts passing t through of late, salmon and trout fishing on Lake Ontario has been hot and cold according to Bill Johnson of **Odyssey Charters**. When the fishing has been good, however, it has been very good. On Sunday, Larry Scott of Dansville, clicked with the largest salmon taken on the lake this year: a 42 lber. The fish was taken on 12 lb. test gear and took over 30 minutes to land. Most of the better action is now occurring in 72 to 110 feet of water and Bill adds that black and purple lures are producing well right now.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:45	9:50	10:25	10:45	10:25	10:25	11:15	11:25	1:00	1:00	1:05	1:15	9:40	9:50	8/7
FRI.	10:25	10:30	11:10	11:20	11:00	11:05	11:55	—	1:20	1:30	1:20	1:45	10:20	10:35	8/8
SAT.	11:05	11:10	11:50	—	11:40	11:45	12:35	12:50	1:50	2:10	2:00	2:20	11:00	11:20	8/9
SUN.	11:50	11:55	12:35	12:50	—	12:10	1:00	1:20	2:30	2:55	2:40	3:05	11:45	—	8/10
MON.	—	12:40	1:05	1:20	12:40	1:05	1:40	2:10	3:20	3:45	3:25	3:50	12:05	12:35	8/11
TUES.	1:00	1:30	1:35	2:10	1:20	2:00	2:35	3:05	4:10	4:35	4:20	4:45	1:00	1:35	8/12
WED.	1:45	2:30	2:35	3:15	2:15	3:00	3:35	4:05	5:10	5:35	5:20	5:45	1:55	2:35	8/13
THURS.	2:50	3:35	3:35	4:20	3:20	4:05	4:45	5:10	6:15	6:40	6:25	6:55	3:05	3:40	8/14

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/7	5:59	8:11
FRI. 8/8	6:00	8:10
SAT. 8/9	6:01	8:09
SUN. 8/10	6:02	8:08
MON. 8/11	6:03	8:06
TUE. 8/12	6:04	8:05
WED. 8/13	6:05	8:03

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/7	7:35AM	9:20PM
FRI. 8/8	8:45AM	9:45PM
SAT. 8/9	9:50AM	10:05PM
SUN. 8/10	11:00AM	10:30PM
MON. 8/11	12:10PM	10:50PM
TUE. 8/12	1:25PM	1:25AM
WED. 8/13	2:40PM	2:00AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
8/5	8/13	8/19	8/27

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	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
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Fri.	7:45	**1:35**	8:15	**2:00**
Sat.	8:35	**2:25**	9:00	**2:45**
Sun.	9:10	**3:10**	9:50	**3:35**
Mon.	10:10	**4:00**	10:40	**4:25**
Tues.	11:05	**4:55**	11:35	**5:20**
Wed.	11:55	**5:50**	—	**6:20**
Thurs.	12:35	**6:40**	12:50	**7:15**

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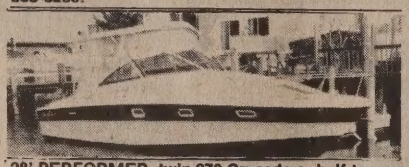

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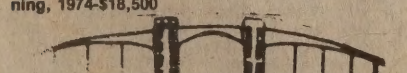

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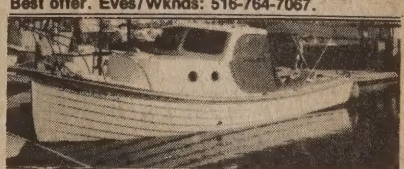

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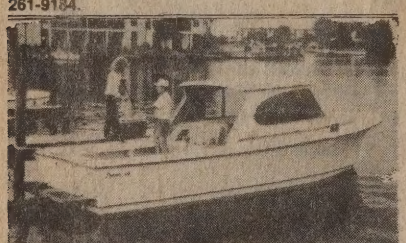

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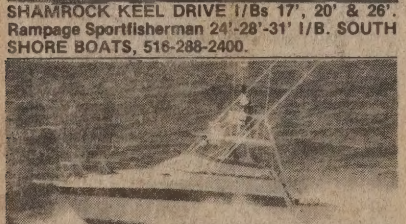

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